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Proposal to assign a reserve name

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by the Forestry Corporation to name a flora reserve in the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve over part of the Cairncross State Forest in the suburbs of Blackmans Point, Pembroke and The Hatch as *Paperbark Flora Reserve*.

The reserve takes its name from paperbarks growing in the area, one of the species being the Broad-Leafed Paperbark, *Melaleuca quinquenervia*.

Mrs Underwood said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” she said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 7 December 2018.

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