



MEDIA RELEASE

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Proposal to assign a flora 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 Coffs Harbour LGA.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve which encompasses part of Boambee State Forest and Tuckers Nob State Forest, in the localities of Boambee and Bonville.

The proposed name is *Gaaba Flora Reserve*. The word *gaaba* means uphill or upriver and comes from the traditional owners of the Coffs Harbour Region – the Gumbaynggirr speaking people.

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,” Mrs Underwood 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 15 June 2019.

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