



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN COFFS HARBOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal to name a peak in the suburb of Coffs Harbour as Niigi Niigi (pronounced nee/gi nee/gi).

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback would be sought on the proposed name which has the support of regional Aboriginal language centre Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative.

“The Geographical Names Board supports the recognition of traditional Aboriginal place names and prefers the use of Aboriginal names for geographical features,” Mrs Underwood said.

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

The peak is located at the end of Sealy Lookout within the Bruxner Flora Reserve, Orara East State Forest.

The word Niigi Niigi means “like charcoal” and is the traditional Aboriginal place name used by the Gumbaynggirr people for the peak. The name reflects the practices of burning of scrub at the top of the peaks to assist with hunting.

Details of the proposal, including a map, can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website: www.GNB.nsw.gov.au

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

The closing date for submissions is 11 December 2022.