

Media Release

HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN NEWCASTLE LGA

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The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Newcastle City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Tighes Hill as Tighes Hill Peace Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name Tighes Hill Peace Park at the request of The Hunter Peace Group.

The Hunter Peace Group requested the City of Newcastle to support the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty) and to endorse the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal campaign which is aimed at building support and awareness for the Treaty.

The City of Newcastle subsequently supported the request from the Hunter Peace Group to name the reserve Tighes Hill Peace Park.

The proposed name aims to recognise the City of Newcastle's long and proud activist history in the fight for nuclear disarmament and the pursuit of world peace.

The park is located east of Maitland Road with Styx Creek to the south and Throsby Creek to the east and is currently known as Islington Park. The remainder of the reserve south of Styx Creek will continue to be known as Islington Park.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name. Suggestions for alternative names is not being sought at this time.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website. Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 14 May 2023.

Quotes to be attributed to Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood

"We want to give everyone an opportunity to be heard and provide their feedback on this proposed name. Engaging the local community is important in considering the proposal."

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