



LISTENING REPORT

PLACE NAMES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

The ACT Government has engaged with the community about place naming proposals in the Dickson shopping centre to name two roads, one public space and rename part of Dickson Place.

THE CONVERSATION

We conducted a six-week community engagement process which began on 7 June and closed on 26 July 2023.

We engaged with the community on a proposal to name three public places, including two roads, as Hanna Enders Lane, Joan Kellett Way and Taglietti Square. We further engaged with the community on a proposal to rename part of Dickson Place as Dickson Street.

HOW WE ENGAGED

The consultation targeted a diverse audience through a variety of communication channels.

Following the [launch](#) we invited the community to get involved via the Directorate's [Facebook page](#). We reached out to local community groups and businesses via email, by letter drop and by post to invite submissions.

WHO WE ENGAGED

We hand delivered letters to all businesses in the Dickson shopping centre. We emailed groups including the North Canberra Community Council, the Dickson Residents Group, the Downer Community Association and contacted the City Renewal Authority, Libraries ACT and Swimming ACT.

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

32 submissions were received through the website submission form and four submissions were received via email to the ACT Place Names Unit. Of the email submissions, one was from the Dickson Residents Group, one from the Canberra Tradesmen's Union Club and two from community members.

Some submissions received called for place naming actions outside the scope of this project. These proponents suggested renaming the pedestrian pathways in Dickson Place, naming the carpark access to the Dickson Swimming Pool and naming the grassed area near the church.

Proposal 1. Rename part of Dickson Place as Dickson Street

Of the submissions received, 16 supported the proposal. 15 submissions did not support the name change, as proposed, with several new suggestions put forward to recognise personal and non-personal names.

Proposal 2. Hanna Enders Lane

Of the submissions received, 15 submissions supported the proposal to commemorate the name of Hanna Enders BEM, including strong support from the Dickson Residents Group. Two submissions did not support the proposal with some respondents appearing to be unaware of the significant historical contribution Mrs Enders provided to the local community. Eight submissions queried the two-worded format of the proposed place name.



Proposal 3. Joan Kellett Way

Of the submissions received, 17 submissions supported the name. Three submissions objected to the road type 'Way'. Seven submissions objected to the two-worded format of the proposed place name (as with proposal 2). One submission suggested using a word or person representing cultural diversity.

Proposal 4. Taglietti Square

Of the submissions received, 23 supported the proposal. Three submissions did not support the proposal and one submission advocated for the public place to be named to recognise a female.

Submission Themes and Issues

Dickson Place

There was mixed community feedback on the proposal to rename part of Dickson Place as Dickson Street. The Dickson Residents Group, the Canberra Tradesmen's Union Club and others expressed a strong desire for the road and other places in the centre to be named to recognise the names of other people who also contributed to the Dickson community through business and education, or a word associated with the history of the location.

Hanna Enders Lane and Joan Kellett Way

Community feedback for the proposed names, Hanna Enders Lane and Joan Kellett Way, was largely supportive. There was a group of respondents (eight in total) who objected to the application of the two-worded place names.

The name Hanna Enders Lane was put forward by the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee in consultation with the family. The suggestion for the two-worded name makes it clear the road recognises a woman and highlights the representation of females in Dickson place naming. Similarly, the name Joan Kellett Way demonstrates the commemoration of a female and creates a distinctive address to avoid confusion with the existing Kellett Street in Gowrie, named after Army Matron, Adelaide Maude Kellett CBE.

Two submissions raised concerns on the use of the road type 'Way' in Joan Kellett Way. The road type is considered appropriate for this location. The 2011 Australian/New Zealand Rural and Urban Addressing Standard describes a 'way' as a roadway offering passage from one place to another; usually not as straight as an avenue or street.

Taglietti Square

Taglietti Square was strongly supported.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We have assessed the community response and submitted a summary to the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee (the Committee) for consideration.

We have provided details of the high level of community support for Hanna Enders Lane, Joan Kellett Way and Taglietti Square to the Committee for consideration.

We have briefed the Committee about the strong response to the suggestion to rename part of Dickson Place, supporting the suggestion to rename the road, but only marginally supporting the proposal for Dickson Street.



The response encourages the Committee to take the opportunity to propose a unique name recognising a woman's contribution or a word related to the history of the Dickson site.

We have briefed the Committee about the submissions received which are outside the scope of this project. That is, to rename the pedestrian walkways in Dickson Place, to name the carpark access to the Dickson Swimming Pool and to name the grassed area near the church.

After consideration, the Committee will provide its advice and recommendations on the Dickson public place naming projects the Minister for Planning and Land Management or his delegate. An announcement of the preferred names, and future action, will be made on the YourSay website and the ACT Planning website.

If approved, an instrument to determine new public place names will be notified on the ACT Legislation Register and tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly for six sitting days.

Key Timings

7 June 2023: 6-week community engagement for place naming projects in Dickson begins.

26 July 2023: Community consultation ends.

August 2023: Community submissions evaluated, and summary prepared for consideration by the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee.

September/October 2023: Listening report published, Committee receives report for consideration.

October 2023: ACT Place Names Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA, or his delegate, for consideration.

October/November 2023: If approved, a Disallowable Instrument to determine any naming approvals will be publicly notified on the ACT Legislation Register and presented in the ACT Legislative Assembly in accordance with statutory processes. The decisions will also be announced through the YourSay website and the ACT Planning website.

Early 2024: If agreed by the Minister, or his delegate, the groups and individuals who responded to the Dickson Place renaming proposal, will be invited to comment on new options to rename the road parcel between Badham and Cowper Streets.

Mid 2024: Transport Canberra and City Services install signs in Dickson.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK