



## PLACE NAMES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

The ACT Government has engaged with the community on a proposal to name the boardwalk that runs around the Kingston harbour in the Kingston Foreshore estate, Kingston.

### THE CONVERSATION

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

The ACT Place Names Advisory Committee invited community feedback on a proposal to name the boardwalk that runs around the Kingston harbour 'Colin Stewart Boardwalk' in honour of the architect who was instrumental in the foreshore's design.

### 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 Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate's [Facebook](#) page. We reached out to local community groups and businesses via email.

### WHO WE ENGAGED

We emailed the Kingston and Barton Residents Group, the Inner South Community Council and the Australian Institute of Architects (ACT Chapter).

### FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

78 submissions were received through the website and 2 submissions were received via email to the ACT Place Names Unit. In total 55 submissions were supportive of the proposed name 'Colin Stewart Boardwalk' and 25 submissions were not supportive.

Many of the supportive submissions praised Colin Stewart saying the honour was well deserved. Notably, the proposal was supported by the Kingston and Barton Residents Group, the Australian Institute of Architects (ACT Chapter), the Planning Institute of Australia, and several architects.

The non-supportive submissions raised issues with professional remuneration, diversity, gender equality and the potential opportunity to recognise a Ngunnawal word or a female name. One respondent suggested that other sites may offer 'more status and longevity'.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

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

In the summary we listed all the comments from both the supporting and non-supporting submissions to allow the Advisory Committee to fully consider the feedback.



After consideration, the Advisory Committee will provide its advice and recommendations on the Colin Stewart Boardwalk naming proposal to Minister Mick Gentleman MLA, or his delegate. An announcement of the preferred name, and future action, will be made on the YourSay website.

If approved, an instrument to determine the new public place name 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 the Kingston Boardwalk place naming project begins.

26 July 2023: Community consultation ends.

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

October – November 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.

November 2023: Listening report published, committee receives report for consideration.

November 2023: If approved, a disallowable instrument to determine any naming approval will be publicly notified on the ACT Legislation Register and presented in the ACT Legislative Assembly in accordance with statutory processes. The decision will also be announced through the YourSay website and the ACT Planning website.

Mid 2024: If approved, signage will be installed at the Kingston Boardwalk.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK**