



PLACE NAMES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

The ACT Government has engaged with the community on a proposal to name a small road off Clive Steele Avenue in the suburb of Monash.

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

The theme for road names in Monash is Engineers. As the names of male engineers are already well represented in the suburb the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) was interested to receive suggestions that recognise women in engineering or that reflect the diversity of our community.

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, organisations and local businesses via email.

WHO WE ENGAGED

We engaged with a range of stakeholders including the neighbouring Canberra Islamic Centre (CIC) and Goodwin Village, both of which would potentially use the road for addressing purposes. We contacted the Tuggeranong Community Council and Engineers Australia.

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

Twenty-nine submissions were received through the website and 2 submissions were received via email to the ACT Place Names Unit.

Due to family sensitivities around placename nominations, the names of the people who were nominated will remain confidential. In addition, two personal names were submitted to the Advisory Committee by the ACT Place Names Unit following additional research into the contribution of female Australian Engineers.

The Advisory Committee will identify and respectfully consult the family of the preferred personal name, and/or consult a relevant professional organisation, as part of the assessment process.

SUBMISSION THEMES AND ISSUES

Eight submissions suggested the electrical engineer Florence Violet McKenzie who was commemorated with a park name in Campbell in September 2023. Three submissions were received nominating aeronautical engineer Diane Lemaire who has been recommended for a road name in the new suburb of Macnamara in the Belconnen District.

Proposals for people that have already been commemorated in the ACT included architect, Marion Mahony Griffin (Marion Mahony Griffin View at Mt Ainslie), Ruby Payne-Scott (Payne Scott Way, Macnamara), rotary clothes hoist designer, Lance Hill (Lance Hill Avenue, Dunlop), and inventor, David Ngunaitponi (Unaipon Avenue, Ngunnawal).



Some submissions received suggested international engineers who did not contribute directly to engineering in Australia and are therefore considered ineligible for this place naming project. It is a requirement that public place names in the ACT recognise Australia's remarkable people, its geography, heritage and history.

Two submissions nominating male engineers have been reserved for further research and possible consideration in the suburb of Macnamara (theme: Science and Technology), subject to consultation with each person's relatives and the Advisory Committee.

Other submissions put forward the names of people who are still living and therefore ineligible for commemoration in the ACT's public place names.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We have assessed all the submissions received and submitted a summary to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

The summary contains a short list of four personal names representing the contribution made by women to engineering in Australia.

After consideration, the Advisory Committee will provide its advice and its recommended name for the Monash road to the Minister for Planning and Land Management, or their delegate. The recommendation will be subject to consultation with the nominated person's relatives and/or a relevant professional organisation. 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 name of small road off Clive Steele Avenue in Monash commenced.

26 July 2023: Community consultation concluded.

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

November 2023: Listening report published. Committee receives report for consideration.

November 2023: ACT Place Names Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Minister for Planning and Land Management, or their delegate, for consideration.

November/December 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.

Mid 2024: If approved, a request will be made to Transport Canberra and City Services to install signage in Monash to display the new road name.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK