

Public Place Names (Gungahlin District) Determination 2018

Disallowable instrument DI2018–8

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

Background

The *Public Place Names Act 1989* (the Act) sets out the process and criteria for the naming of divisions and public places. Section 2 of the Act defines a “public place” as including “an avenue, road, street, geographical feature or place that the public is entitled to use, and any unleased land”.

Section 3 of the Act gives the Minister the power to determine the name of a division or public place. The determination of the Minister is a disallowable instrument and as such must be notified in the ACT Legislation Register.

The factors that the Minister must have regard to in determining a name are set out in sections 3 and 4 of the Act. Section 3(3)(a) of the Act requires the Minister to consider the *Public Place Names (Naming of Public Places) Guidelines 2014 (No 1)* (guidelines) when naming a public place. The guidelines are made under section 4A of the Act and are notified at <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2014-643/default.asp>.

The Determination

The *Public Place Names (Gungahlin District) Determination 2018* determines the name Wagi Bridge for the public place indicated in the diagram in the schedule to the determination.

The purpose of this determination is to name the pedestrian bridge constructed across Ginninderra Creek in Gungahlin to link a series of paths between the divisions of Moncrieff and Amaroo and provide for access from Moncrieff east to the Amaroo playing fields and schools. The name commemorates a word from the traditional Ngunnawal language which has a meaning in the English language of ‘dance’. The name is consistent with the musical nomenclature theme in Moncrieff.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with representatives of the Ngunnawal community in the ACT to obtain permission to commemorate the Ngunnawal word ‘Wagi’ as a public place name. The ACT Place Names Committee has endorsed the naming of the pedestrian bridge.

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

The *Legislation Act 2001* (Legislation Act) requires a RIS for regulations and disallowable instruments subject to specified exceptions. In this case, a RIS is not required because the determination does not impose any appreciable costs on the community or part of the community (s 34(1) of the Legislation Act). Further, a RIS is also not required because while the determination of place names is culturally and socially significant it does not adversely affect rights or impose liabilities on a person (s 36(1)(b) of the Legislation Act).

Human Rights

Section 12 of the *Human Rights Act 2004* creates a right to privacy and reputation. This determination does not have the potential to infringe this right because it does not name any places after people.

Delegation

This determination is made by a delegate of the Minister. The Minister has delegated the power under section 3 of the Act to name a division or public place to the persons occupying the positions of Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, refer to the *Legislation (Environment and Planning Directorate) Delegation 2016 (No 2)*, notifiable instrument NI2016-289.

Status of this Explanatory Statement

This explanatory statement relates to the *Public Place Names (Gungahlin District) Determination 2018* as made by the delegate of the Minister and presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared in order to assist the reader of the disallowable instrument. It does not form part of the disallowable instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

Clause Notes

Clause 1 – Name of Instrument

This clause names the instrument.

Clause 2 – Commencement

This clause provides for the commencement of the instrument.

Clause 3 – Determination of Place Name

This clause names the public place as specified in the schedule.