

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants of Tasmania and is committed to preserving their heritage and language by enabling the restoration of Aboriginal place names to Tasmanian geographic features and places.

Tasmanian Aboriginal place names are applicable for:

- Naming any geographic feature or place that does not already have an existing official place name;
- Renaming an existing official place where the current name does not have community support, or where there is community support to change the official name;
- The renaming of geographic features or places where the existing official place name is offensive to Tasmanian Aboriginal people;
- Providing dual names where a geographic feature or place already has an official name and a complete name change is not possible or acceptable. Both names will be used together, with the Aboriginal name occurring first, separated by a solidus to be preceded, and followed by spaces, for example kunanyi / Mount Wellington;
- Amending names to ensure they are generally accepted by Tasmanian Aboriginal people where currently assigned official place names are derived from Tasmanian Aboriginal names, or are Tasmanian Aboriginal names but have demonstrably incorrect spelling or form;
- Amending names where Tasmanian Aboriginal people have used unofficial names for extended periods to identify geographic features or places as part of community and cultural tradition. Sometimes, these names may not be from Aboriginal languages, for example Big Dog Island in place of Great Dog Island; Hummocky Island in place of Chappell Island.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN YOUR PROPOSAL

A naming proposal can be made by an individual, group or organisation.

Please include the following information:

- Your proponent details;
- The name you are proposing and the feature it will apply to and the current official name of the feature (where relevant);
- Your evidence of the proposed name's authenticity and historical origins, demonstrating adequate research and authenticity, including sources;
- Evidence that you have consulted Tasmanian Aboriginal communities and organisations, and details of their support or otherwise;
- If the naming proposal is to replace an existing official name, a description of the level of support, or lack of support, for the existing name;
- Evidence that you have consulted relevant local government, statutory authorities and affected land owners;

## WHERE TO FIND ASSISTING DOCUMENTATION

The Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policy and the Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines provide background on the process for proposing an Aboriginal or dual name. Please refer to these documents which can be found on the DPIPWE website: [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania)

### 1. PROPONENT DETAILS

Name (or names if multiple proponents)		
Organisation (if applicable)		
Address		
Email address		
Phone number/s	Home/business	Mobile
Why are you submitting this proposal?		

## 2. AREA, PLACE, OR FEATURE TO BE NAMED

Proposals for an Aboriginal or dual name are applicable only to geographic features or places, and must clearly define the area or extent of the feature to which the name will apply. Geographic features are natural physical features including mountains, hills, valleys, lakes, lagoons, rivers, creeks, bays, beaches, islands, caves, waterfalls and reefs. The naming of cities or towns is not applicable for Aboriginal or Dual naming through this process.

The naming of water and seabed features is restricted to the limit of coastal waters, generally in areas within three nautical miles of the coast. Proposals for naming features in coastal waters, including naming or altering the name of any prominent coastal feature, will require approval from the Australian Hydrographic Office.

What is the proposed name?

**Note:** Specify if the name should not be capitalised.

Is there more than one version of this name?

**Note:** If yes, please provide other versions.

Is there more than one spelling of the name?

**Note:** If yes, please provide other spellings.

What is the pronunciation of the name?

**Note:** Please use the phonetic alphabet.

What type of feature are you proposing to name?

**Example:** Mountain, hill, valley, etc.

Is the feature currently named?

**Note:** If yes, what is the current official name of the feature?

What type of naming is your proposal?

**Note:** Tick the appropriate box.

Dual Name       Aboriginal Name       Replacement Name

Please provide a map or spatial representation indicating the location and extent of the feature you are proposing to name.

## 3. EVIDENCE SUPPORTING PROPOSAL

It is necessary to provide any available research and evidence which outline the authenticity and historical origins of any proposed name.

Detail historical and/or contemporary sources for your proposal.

Detail the research authenticating your proposed name.

## CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Allow **all** entities adequate time to consider your proposal, as your proposal cannot proceed without their input.

### 4. EVIDENCE OF CONSULTATION WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Engaging in proper consultation with Tasmanian Aboriginal communities and organisations on any Aboriginal or dual naming proposal is a necessary process that **must** occur. To demonstrate effective conduct of a consultation processes, you need to supply information:

- Describing the consultation processes you have engaged in;
- Detailing all efforts made to consult Tasmanian Aboriginal communities and/or groups, and Aboriginal organisations;
- Provide evidence demonstrating the support or otherwise of Aboriginal communities.
- If Tasmanian Aboriginal communities and organisations have conflicting views, you must document these and explain which view you have chosen to accept.

**Note:** A list of Aboriginal communities and organisations is found at: [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania)

You **must** consult with Aboriginal communities and organisations listed at:

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**Note:** List those you have consulted with.

List which Aboriginal communities and organisations **support** your proposal?

List Aboriginal communities and organisations which to your knowledge **do not support** your proposal?

### 5. EVIDENCE THAT THE PROPOSED NAME CONFORMS TO THE TASMANIAN PLACE NAMING GUIDELINES

Proposed name **must** conform to the Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines. Consistent use of accurate place names is an essential element of effective communication worldwide, and supports socio-economic development, conservation and national infrastructure.

Does your proposal conform with the Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines?

**Note:** If no, outline what areas of the Guidelines your proposal does not conform.

## 6. CONSULTING WITH LOCAL COUNCILS, STATUTORY ENTITIES AND LANDOWNERS

Local councils generally meet on a monthly basis and you should ensure that you take account of this in the timeframe when preparing your proposal. Allow a similar amount of time for consultation with statutory entities and landowners.

All these entities are likely to want to know the level of support from Tasmanian Aboriginal communities for your proposal before providing their own input.

Any naming proposal relating to a place or geographic feature on 'Aboriginal land' as described under the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* must include evidence of the owner's consent.

You **must** consult with local councils, statutory entities and landowners.

**Note:** List those you have not consulted with.

List which local councils, statutory entities and landowners **support** your proposal?

List which local councils, statutory entities and landowners **do not support** your proposal?

Is your proposed feature located on 'Aboriginal land' under the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995*?

**Note:** If yes, please provide evidence of owner's consent.

## Contact Details and further information

For further information and to lodge a proposal, contact details are listed below.

**Postal:**

Registrar of Place Names  
134 Macquarie Street HOBART TAS 7000

**Phone:**

(03) 6165 4112

**Email:**

Placenames@dpipwe.tas.gov.au

**Websites to assist your proposal:**

[www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/place-naming-in-tasmania)

[www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/oa/aboriginal\\_and\\_dual\\_naming\\_policy](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/oa/aboriginal_and_dual_naming_policy)

[www.placenames.tas.gov.au](http://www.placenames.tas.gov.au)