

# Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory

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## Indigenous and Remote Community - Road Naming Information

The Naming of a Place or Road in the Northern Territory under the *Place Names Act* is administered by the Place Names Committee (the Committee).

The Naming of a Place is a statutory and legislative process. The Committee has established these rules and guidelines to act as the guiding principles. All submissions and names proposed must be suitable to name a place or road as part of the community consultation process.

### The Guidelines are: -

- Names should be associated with the Northern Territory.
- A name derived from Indigenous sources should be local to the area. The name must be approved by the next of kin, senior elders and the local community authority.
- Names should not duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling of an existing name in the same locality and community or an adjoining locality and community.
- Road names must be a single name. The combination of both the given and family name or hyphenated names is not acceptable. The given and family named may only be used when naming a park.
- The length of a road name should be short, rather than longer, and must be easy to write.
- Names of people will not be used during the person's life time (i.e. only names in brevity) for a person to be commemorated. Generally, the surname/family name is chosen and consent provided by the next of kin/family (complete a Commemoration Request form).
- Deceased persons will not be commemorated within the first year following their death.
- Names due to custom that are not to be spoken when a person dies, should not be used.

Names proposed by a community to name a road or place have included local language group names, family names and names of the local flora and fauna. Please note the history and origin information for the name must be approved by the community.

The Place Names Committee will consider a submission to ensure the proposed name/s comply with the guidelines. Communities will be contacted should more information be required to support their submission. The Committee will prepare a recommendation report to be forwarded to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. The Minister may approve the names, reject the names or may return the report to the Committee for further consideration and submission of another report. Names approved by the Minister will be added to the Place Names Register at [www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames) (Please see *Checklist and attach the accompanying documents.*)

Place Names are intended to be enduring to record when, where and how the name was given to a place. The correct spelling and pronunciation of the name will need to be verified by the community. Difficulties will arise when a place name is to be changed as a number of organisations across Australia will have recorded and included the name for the road into their business and data systems. A road name shall only be changed when deemed nessecary.

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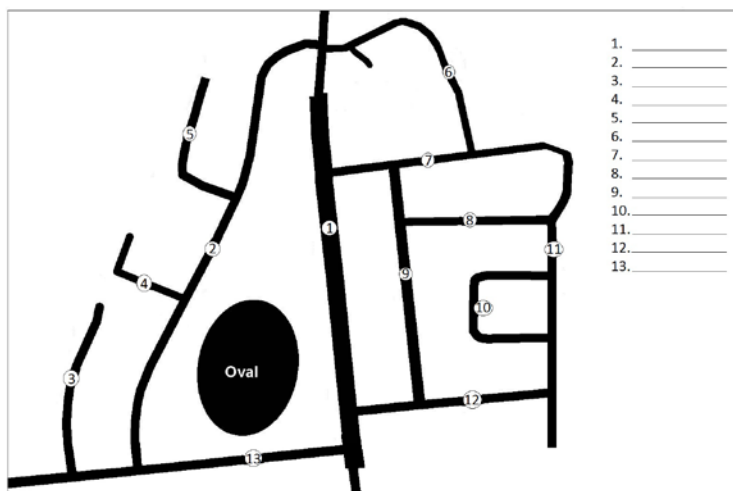
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## Submitting a Request to Name Roads - Checklist

Please attach these documents with your Request to Name a Road:

- A map / survey plan of the roads in the community and the proposed name(s). All proposals with multiple road names will need a schedule with the road name written next to a reference number to easily identify each road. You can use different colours for each road shown on the map or survey plan (see example below).



- The origin / history of the name (i.e. how did the place get the name / will be named after a person). Confirmation and verification of spelling.
- The views/comments and support of the senior descendants and family members of the people being commemorated in the naming of a road and contact details with their name, phone and mailing address if they are available.
- Record of the community consultation process used in reaching the decision, i.e. community meetings and community notice boards, door to door, etc. Include the number of meetings, when they were held and people involved.
- The views and support from the Regional Council for the area on the proposed road names.
- Complete and attach the required forms with your naming proposal at Place Name Online <https://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames-online>:
- Community Consultation form
  - Place Name Request; and
  - Commemoration Request (if applicable)

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Community:

LGA:

Road ref # on Map	Place / Street Name Only write the Name proposed for the Road, Street or Park. Please attach a typed list of the names in a Microsoft Word Document Formatt	Correct spelling of the name? Approved by Community	Origin / History of the Name How did the place get the name? Include the language and translation of the name (what the name means) if it is not an English name. Complete a <b>Place Name Request</b> or <b>Commemoration Request</b> form if the place will be named after a person and the biographical information of the persons life i.e. contribution to the community.	The name proposed is for a deceased person?	Contact details for the Next of Kin to be notified when the name is commemorated. Postal address and relationship to street name (Senior family member, son, daughter etc.)
1		Yes / No		Yes / No	
2		Yes / No		Yes / No	
3		Yes / No		Yes / No	
4		Yes / No		Yes / No	
5		Yes / No		Yes / No	
6		Yes / No		Yes / No	
7		Yes / No		Yes / No	
8		Yes / No		Yes / No	
9		Yes / No		Yes / No	