

C1.4 CR KIELY - ALTERNATIVE NAME PROPOSAL FOR NEW DUAL SECTION OF ROAD BETWEEN REID HIGHWAY AND GNANGARA ROAD

- 1) That the CEO make submissions on behalf of Council to request that Drumpellier not be used in the naming of the new dual section of Lord Street extending from Gnangara Road south through to Reid Highway.
- 2) That the indigenous name for Ellen's Brook, being **Gynning** be submitted instead with the proposal that the section of road be called **Gynning Road** when it is opened.
- 3) That there is no translation into the English name (being Ellen's Brook) and appearing as an explanation of what Gynning translates to, as part of the significant Road signage infrastructure; and that it remain a standalone name i.e. that it not be dual signage.

The reasons for this motion are:

1. It is more appropriate to have an indigenous name for this new road.
2. The name Drumpellier is inspired by the birth place of James Stirling, which is a somewhat tenuous link to an early Colonial period of the Swan River Colony and Western Australia.
3. The name appears to be easily pronounced and provides a link to the original name for the Ellen Brook.

OFFICER COMMENT

The "New Lord Street" is expected to open in July or August 2019 and needs a name in advance of the opening. Drumpellier Drive has previously been submitted to Landgate and approval by the Minister for Finance, Aboriginal Affairs and Lands is pending. It is possible that Landgate could approve Drumpellier Drive or give the road a different name without further input from the City, even if the City requests that Drumpellier not be used for the new section of road.

The name Gynning Road meets Landgate's naming criteria in terms of uniqueness and proximity but will need to be assessed based on phonetics. In particular, a similar sounding road name Ginnini Lane exists in Ellenbrook but staff are unsure of the actual pronunciation and if it would be considered too similar. The fact that Ginnini lane is a 250m long Lane and Gynning will be a 10km road may make the acceptance of Gynning more likely.

The name Gynning was suggested to Cr Kiely through local Aboriginals, as it is the traditional name for the Ellen Brook. As Gynning Road is an Aboriginal name, further Aboriginal consultation with the relevant groups will be needed.

There are protocols that are required in relation to conducting Aboriginal consultation for road naming. These are quite detailed and complex, and are outlined in section 9 of the Geographic Names Policies. They include such things as requirements for determining groups to participate in consultation process, selecting members of community to participate in a consultative group, building awareness within the Aboriginal community and receiving feedback from the wider community. These steps must be completed before a group can endorse a name. This consultation process can be very time intensive and may not be achievable for the proposed opening of the road.

Research has indicated that the name Gynning was mentioned in the Public Environmental Report (2015) for the Perth Darwin National Highway.

“Ellen Brook (Gynning) was reported by MHA in 1989 as a mythological site associated with the spiritual ‘turtle’ and plays a mythological role as their Dreaming Track. In addition to their mythological associations, the turtles were also described in a secular manner as living creatures that use Ellen Brook to swim down to the Swan River. The ecological importance of the turtles was therefore also noted (MHA 1989:3). MHA also reported that Ellen Brook is part of the greater system of waterways associated with the Rainbow Serpent or Waugal...”

This may imply that the name Gynning could be acceptable to Aboriginal groups.

Based on previous experience, staff believe there is insufficient time to meet the requirements for Aboriginal consultation and submit Gynning Road in time for the opening of the new road.

MOTION that the Council resolve:

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(Cr Kiely – Cr Scanlan)

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the following Part be added to the motion:

- 1) That the City refer the name change proposal to the Whadjuk Working Party of the SWALSC and local Whadjuk Elders and Families consultation and direction before the CEO makes submission.

The reasons for the amendment are:

1. The only registered native title claim group for the area of Swan is the Whadjuk People (WC11/9). The Whadjuk people are represented by a working party of family representatives in native title, heritage and community matters.
2. The amendment shows respect for the proper protocols and consults with those Noongar People who are properly constituted to give advice on Aboriginal Heritage matters within our city but also allows a grass roots level of community engagement in the matter by involving two community based groups.

(Cr McDonnell – Cr Haynes)

RESOLVED (8/5)

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For: Crs Bailey, Haynes, Jones, Kovalevs, McCullough, McDonnell, McNamara and Zannino

Against: Crs Henderson, Johnson, Kiely, Lucas and Scanlan

THE AMENDMENT BECAME PART OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

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For: Crs Johnson, Jones, Kiely, Kovalevs, McDonnell, McNamara, Scanlan and Zannino

Against: Crs Bailey, Haynes, Henderson, McCullough and Lucas