

Rural Road Naming

FACTSHEET

This fact sheet provides information relating to customer requests to name unnamed roads in the Fraser Coast Region.

Council has many roads that are given a number instead of a name which are identified as unnamed roads. Unnamed roads are usually unformed or have limited infrastructure within them but may provide access to private properties.

New Road Name/Rename Road

The process to create a new road name or to rename a road generally requires the new proposed name to be agreed upon by all landowners that front the actual road.

All applications for new road name/renamed road must be lodged on the prescribed form provided by Council. The form is available upon request.

Following consultation with all landowners that front the actual road, the applicant is required to submit three (3) road names for consideration. Preferred sources of names include but are not limited to the following:

- Indigenous names
- Flora, fauna, geographical or cultural features
- Landscape and physical forms
- Australian
- Australian animals and birds
- Historic house names
- People who excelled in sports or in the arts
- People who served the community well
- Pioneers and long-term land holders
- Explorers and surveyors.

Particular attention should be taken in determining the accuracy of the spelling of the proposed names.

Names that are not preferred are road names that:

- Are difficult to pronounce or very long and names composed of two (2) or more words
- Are difficult to spell
- Are hyphenated words
- Are plural or possessive in nature
- May offend or be seen to be offensive.

Naming of Unformed Roads

Council from time to time receives applications for unformed road names as part of a request for rural address numbering. Unformed roads may have privately constructed assets within them however, they are not maintained by Council.

To obtain an address on an unformed, unnamed road, the road must first be named - as per the rural road naming process.

Role of the Council:

- To have new road names clarified, Council's investigations officers inspect and research current road names that are listed on survey plans as lodged and registered with the Department of Natural Resources.
- Council may recommend any name submitted by the applicant or may recommend such other names as it deems appropriate;
- Council may change the name from time to time;
- Council may not select any name that is the same name of another road in the regional area;
- To name/rename a road, a resolution must be passed by Council. Once resolved, formal notification is sent to all affected property owners, Council's relevant internal departments e.g. Rates, GIS, the Department of Natural Resources, Australia Post and Emergency Services.
- Under delegated authority, the Executive Manager Infrastructure Engineering will advise the applicants of the name of the road as resolved by Council.
- Council coordinates and installs the new road name signage.

For further information or to discuss requesting a road to be named, please contact Council's customer service centre on 1300 79 49 29 or email enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au