Naming rules for places in Victoria

Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities.

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The diagram below shows the process a member of the public would follow when consulted by a naming authority.

1. You have received a proposal for naming or renaming a road, feature or locality.
2. Decide whether the proposal directly affects you. For example, will your address change?
3. Decide if you support the proposal.
4. If you support the proposal, do you need to respond?
5. Are you able to choose a name, propose a new name, comment on boundaries?
6. If you do not support the proposal you may seek further information or submit an objection to the naming authority that sent the proposal.
7. The naming authority must consider all responses and decide on whether to accept or reject the name proposal.
8. If the naming authority rejects the naming proposal, another proposal might be made or the exisiting proposal could be altered, based on initial community feedback.
9. If the naming authority decides to proceed with the naming proposal you could appeal the decision by contacting the Registrar of Geographic Names.
10. GNV will audit the naming proposal and will either reject or accept the proposal.
11. If rejected, the naming authority may have to provide additional information or alter the exsiting proposal, which might result in additional consultation with affected parties.
12. If accepted, the Registrar of Geographic Names will proceed to gazette and register the proposed name and/or boundaries.