



# The new Gunnedah Bridge

**The new Gunnedah bridge will open to traffic sooner than expected with the project team working to have traffic on the new bridge by December, weather permitting. With the new 195-metre-long bridge powering ahead, we are now asking for bridge name suggestions.**

## Help name the new bridge

Transport for NSW (TfNSW), in partnership with Gunnedah Shire Council and the local community, will name the new Gunnedah bridge. Naming major bridges provides a useful navigational reference for motorists and allows the community to recognise and celebrate cultural, historical and social connections in the region. The community is now invited to provide suggested names for the new bridge.

## Bridge naming process

The NSW Geographical Names Board recommends:

Bridge names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write and should not exceed three words (including the term 'bridge') or 25 characters (an exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community).

Aboriginal names and names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society, or recognising the heritage of an area - such as the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists and events - are encouraged.

Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable.

We are accepting digital and paper submissions during the consultation period.

TfNSW will approve the recommended names put forward by council provided that:

- The name has wide community support.
- An Aboriginal name has the support of local Aboriginal groups.
- The name is consistent with GNB place name criteria.

Community invited to provide bridge name suggestions until Friday 6 November 2020

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All bridge name suggestions collated in a report and provided to Gunnedah Shire Council for review consideration

Council will review the submissions against the naming criteria and recommend a bridge name to TfNSW

TfNSW, as the bridge naming authority, reviews recommended names against the Guidelines for the determination of place names. If the recommended names meet the criteria and complies with TfNSW signage standards, the names will be approved.

Approved bridge names announced jointly by TfNSW and council.

## Have your say:

The community is invited to provide suggested names for the new bridge through any of the following:

-  <https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/gunnedahbridgenaming>
-  [bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au)  
Gunnedah bridge naming submissions c/- Grafton Regional Office, PO Box 576, Grafton NSW 2460.
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We will receive submissions until 5pm on Friday 6 November 2020.



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