

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD (NGĀ POU TAUNAHA O AOTEAROA) ACT 2008 PROCESS FOR ANTARCTIC GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE NAMES

(includes all islands and ice shelves within the Dependency: generally south of 60° S latitude, between 160° E longitude and 150° W longitude. Not including the continental shelf of the Dependency)

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Any person may submit to the Board a proposal for a **new/altered/discontinued/recorded** Antarctic geographic feature name on the appropriate form

On behalf of the Board, the Secretary receives proposal and updates records

Secretary advises US-ACAN and CNGA, if appropriate, of proposal, and seeks their comments

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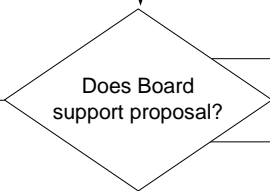
The Committee on Geographic Naming in the Ross Sea Region of Antarctica considers the proposal first and makes recommendations to the NZ Geographic Board who considers the proposal second. Both the Committee and the Board consideration take into account the Board's functions and naming guidelines in respect to Antarctic geographic feature naming, and also any consultation.

Note:

1. The Secretary may obtain the Committee's recommendation by correspondence rather than calling a meeting, when only a small number of proposals are received.
2. Batches of names received by US-ACAN are to be considered within three months of receipt of the proposals.

Secretary:
 1. verifies/validates supporting information received for proposal.
 2. decides whether further research may be necessary, including referrals to other government agencies.
 3. prepares a detailed summary report of each proposal.
 4. forwards summary report for consideration by
 ① the Committee on Geographic Naming in the Ross Sea Region of Antarctica, and
 ② the New Zealand Geographic Board.

Board requests proposer to provide further information or to undertake consultation



Yes - Accepted

No - Deferred

No - Declined

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Board determination/ approval is final

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Final determination/approval as to official geographic name published in NZ Gazette

Proposer, US-ACAN and CNGA advised, as appropriate

SCAR Composite Gazetteer advised

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Final official Antarctic geographic name (assigned/altered/recorded/discontinued): published on topographical maps, hydrographic charts, other publications, in the New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names, and other electronic databases

Existing official Antarctic Geographic name is retained: maps, charts, other publications, and electronic databases not affected, but status change to official in New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names

No official Antarctic geographic name (assigned/altered/recorded/discontinued): maps, charts, other publications, and electronic databases not affected, but non-official status added to New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names

Information available to any person making proposals includes:

- 1. a proposal form with accompanying guidance notes;*
- 2. a fact sheet;*
- 3. New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008;*
- 4. naming guidelines; and*
- 5. this flow chart.*

Notes:

1. Any persons making proposals are encouraged to undertake their own consultation (e.g. with Antarctica New Zealand, Royal Society of New Zealand, Universities, Crown Research Institutes, Ministry of Fisheries, Antarctic Heritage Trust, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, scientists, etc).

Documentary evidence of any such consultation should accompany the proposal for the new/altered/recorded/discontinued Antarctic geographic feature name.

By undertaking consultation, more weight is added to support the proposal and gives recognition to the appropriate administrative, cultural and heritage aspects, as well as any historical, geographical and/or scientific research undertaken.

Although consultation is not mandatory, it is considered by the Board to be a useful step towards assigning a new, or altering an existing, or approving a recorded, or discontinuing an official, Antarctic geographic feature name.

2. There is no public notification process for proposed Antarctic geographic feature names.

Proposed Antarctic geographic feature names are considered by a Committee (established by the Board) and it makes recommendations to the Board.

Antarctic geographic feature names that become official geographic names are published in the New Zealand Gazette, in newspapers, other official documents, and on the internet. This is considered to be sufficient for advising of an official Antarctic geographic feature name (within New Zealand's Ross Dependency).

Such names will eventually be published in the SCAR Composite Gazetteer. If accepted by US-ACAN, then these names will also be published in the USBGN gazetteer 'Geographic Names of the Antarctic'.

3. New Antarctic geographic feature names to be assigned are generally agreed on a shared basis between NZ and the US.

4. SCAR – Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research.

5. US-ACAN - United States Advisory Committee on Antarctic Naming.

6. USBGN - United States Board on Geographic Names.

7. CNGA - Comitato per i Nomi Geografici in Antartide (Committee for Geographical Names in the Antarctic) (Italy).