

**Media release**

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**Geographic Board proposes to make Ngāmoko Stream an official place name**

*The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa is calling for public feedback on the proposal to make Ngāmoko Stream official for the small and partially tidal stream that flows into Little Bay at Waikawau Bay on the Coromandel Peninsula.*

The name, Ngāmoko Stream, was first recorded on the earliest survey plan of the Māori land block (ML 2402) in 1871, and pre-dates the alternative name Ngaure Stream, which will no longer be in use if Ngāmoko Stream becomes the stream's official name.

This proposal is open for public submissions from 18 January 2023 until 23 February 2023.

Anyone can make a submission, either [online](#) or by emailing [nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz](mailto:nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz).

Submissions can also be made by letter to the Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board, c/o Land Information New Zealand, PO Box 5501, Wellington 6145.

**About Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa**

Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board is an independent statutory body. The Board is supported and administered by Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand.

Anyone may propose a name for a geographic feature or place. The Board uses naming guidelines and standards and follows international good practice to help it to make robust and enduring decisions.

The Board recognises the importance of pronunciation in te reo and macrons support both pronunciation and meaning. Therefore, the Board follows the orthographic conventions of Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission).

If the Board doesn't agree with a proposal, it may consult on a different proposal considered to be more appropriate.

The Board consults with relevant agencies, local communities, stakeholders and iwi. It researches all proposals and encourages the use of original Māori place names. Official place names must be used in all official documents like road signs, maps, websites, databases and publications for tourists.

Anyone can [make a submission](#) on proposed place names, either [online](#) or by emailing [nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz](mailto:nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz), or by mailing directly to the Board's Secretariat.

Official and recorded place names can be searched in the [New Zealand Gazetteer](#).

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