

Proposals considered by the Board on 20 April 2021 for:

Onetāhua Rise

[altered from Farewell Rise]

Rangitoto-ki-te-Tonga / d'Urville Valley

[altered from D'Urville Seavalley]

Taumoana Canyon

[altered from Five Fingers Canyon]

The Undersea Feature Names Committee's (UFNC) recommendations to the Board

At its 20 April 2021 hui the Board resolved these recommendations and that they be publicly notified for one month:

Recommendation That the Board **makes a proposal to alter** the unofficial published (beyond 12NM) and recorded (within 12NM) undersea feature name Farewell Rise to the official **Onetāhua Rise** based on the feature being geographically associated with Farewell Spit, which has the original Māori name, Onetāhua.

Recommendation That the Board **makes a proposal to alter** the unofficial published (beyond 12NM) and recorded (within 12NM) undersea feature name D'Urville Seavalley to the official dual undersea feature name **Rangitoto-ki-te-Tonga / d'Urville Valley** based on:

- it being named in association with Rangitoto ki te Tonga / D'Urville Island,
- Rangitoto-ki-te-Tonga being the correct orthography,
- d'Urville being the correct orthography for Dumont d'Urville's name,
- the generic term Seavalley not conforming with the IHO¹'s *B-6 Guidelines* or the Board's *Standard for undersea feature names*,
- the generic term Valley effectively describing the feature, and
- SCUFN² being unlikely to accept the generic term Seavalley.

Noting that D'Urville Seavalley was published on an official chart in 1980, so it has been in long term use (40 years).

Recommendation That the Board **makes a proposal to alter** the unofficial published (beyond 12NM) and recorded (within 12NM) undersea feature name Five Fingers Canyon to the official **Taumoana Canyon** based on the feature being associated with Five Fingers Peninsula, which has a collected original Māori name, Taumoana.

Draft minutes of the UFNC's hui on 4 February 2021 [summarised]

Section 25 of the NZGB Act 2008

Alter Gisborne Sea Valley to **Tūranganui Valley**: The proposal to SCUFN should point out that the feature is associated with Tūranganui Knoll, which was altered from Gisborne Knolls and accepted by SCUFN in 2013.

Section 15 of the NZGB Act 2008:

Make proposals to alter:

¹ International Hydrographic Organization

² Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

three proposals to alter

- Farewell Rise to **Onetāhua Rise**: The rise is sand but underwater and there is a strong geographical association with Farewell Spit, which has the original Māori name, Onetahūa. The feature has good modern data coverage.
- D'Urville Seavalley to **Rangitoto-ki-te-Tonga / d'Urville Valley**: The feature has good modern bathymetric data. The sea valley should be named in association with the nearby Rangitoto ki te Tonga / D'Urville Island.
- Five Fingers Canyon to **Taumoana Canyon**: The original Māori name of the associated land feature, Five Fingers Peninsula, is Taumoana.

Secretariat comments

Section 15 (proposals to alter)

D'Urville Seavalley, Farewell Rise, and Five Fingers Canyon were initially included with the sections 25 (assign/alter) & 26 (adopt) report to the UFNC. However, they are partly within 12NM and partly beyond 12NM, so if the Board accepts the UFNC's recommendations it will need to make the proposals itself.
