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The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa has today opened consultation on nine New Zealand place and feature name proposals.

Consultations opened to the public:

- To make the existing recorded name of Featherston, a small town in South Wairarapa District, official.
- To discontinue the use of the recorded name Bottle Lake, a small forested wetland area within Bottle Lake Golf Course, Marshland, Christchurch.
- To correct the positions and make Mount Doubtful and Query Peak, the recorded names of peaks on the northwest side of Zora Glacier, Bannock Brae Range, Southern Alps / Kā Tiritiri o te Moana, official.
- To alter the official names of Pikikiruna (hill) and Pikikiruna Range to Pikikirunga (hill) and Pikikirunga Range, both north of the saddle of Takaka Hill Highway on State Highway 60.
- To alter the recorded name Waitangitaona River to two official names, Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka River and Waitangitāhuna River, for the upper and lower sections respectively. This is because they are now two separate rivers.
- To assign the new name Willis Peak to a peak at the southern end of Craigieburn Range, approximately 85km west-northwest of Christchurch.

Submissions for proposals are open for one or three months, the deadlines being 29 December 2017 or 23 February 2018.

Decisions made:

The Board has also approved a proposal to discontinue the name Bottle Lake, the official name for a substation that was never built on Lower Styx Road, west of Bottle Lake Forest, Marshland, Christchurch. This change comes into effect today.

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