

Background To Development Of The Site Or Feature

The present suburb of Lake Gardens, which was created in June 2000, is bounded by Gillies Street North, Sturt Street and the Ballarat Cattleyards Railway. These features were adopted as being the most logical boundaries of the suburb at the time.

Background To The Proposed Naming

The Ballarat Cattleyards Railway has been disused for some time, and part of its reserve will shortly cease to exist. A proposed residential subdivision will straddle the former railway reserve and the present boundary between the two suburbs. This has the potential to cause confusion, as the suburb boundary will no longer be easily identified on the ground. Any risk of confusion can be avoided by altering the boundary to ensure the whole of the subdivision is within the one suburb.

The new subdivision will be accessed only from the Alfredton side, and will have no physical connection to or access from the rest of Lake Gardens. It is therefore logical to place the whole of the new subdivision in the suburb of Alfredton by altering the suburb boundary to follow the subdivision boundary, as shown on the locality plan above.

Rationale For The Naming Recommendation

The boundary alteration is recommended, as it ensures that the whole of the new subdivision is within the one suburb, Alfredton, from which side the subdivision will be accessed. It also complies with relevant Council policies and the current *Guidelines for Geographic Names* issued by the Registrar of Geographic Names under the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998*.

Call For Submissions

Advertisements calling for public submissions on this proposal were published in The Courier from Saturday 15 March 2008 and Ballarat News from Wednesday 19 March 2008. The closing time for submissions was 5.00 pm on Monday 14 April 2008.

Consideration Of Submissions

Two submissions were received in respect of this proposal, both of which were in favour of the alteration of the boundary. It is therefore recommended that the proposal proceed as originally advertised.

Recommendation

That, as all submissions received were in favour of the proposal, the boundary between the suburbs of Alfredton and Lake Gardens be altered as shown in Attachment NP-138.

The Next Step

Assuming Council adopts the recommendation, details of Council's resolution will be submitted to the Registrar of Geographic Names. The change of boundary will not become effective until it is approved by the Registrar. Relevant organisations will then be notified of the change.