



Hon Andrew Cripps MP
Minister for Natural Resources and Mines

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 16 October 2014, forwarding for response petition 2321 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 15 October 2014.

The petition draws to the attention of the House, the confusion which presently exists with respect to the locality around Holmead Road, north to Bulimba Creek, south to the Pacific Motorway, and east to the Gateway Motorway ("the locality") being known as Eight Mile Plains, when it has no community of interest with that suburb.

Eight Mile Plains is an approved suburb name under the *Place Names Act 1994*. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (the department) administers this Act, which describes the process under which I have powers to change the approved name of a suburb.

The usual process for suggesting a change is to supply the department with information including:

- a description of the suggested suburb boundary and name change;
- the reason for the suggestion, explaining why the current situation should be changed;
- a letter of support from the relevant local government authority which includes acknowledgement that it may be required to reallocate location addresses and assist with notifying affected persons; and
- documentation showing widespread support from affected persons, including acknowledgement that they may be required to change their location and postal address details.

In developing a place name proposal, the department considers issues such as community views, historical significance and length of time a name has been used. Long term benefits to the community must outweigh any private or corporate interests, short term effects and the impact on the community in making a change.

Considering the identifying features defining the boundaries of the subject area and the limited access to the area from the Pacific Motorway, creation of a new suburb would be considered. However, naming this area as Wishart Outlook would contravene place naming principles by way of duplication of the key name. Wishart is an adjacent suburb name and unique names should be sought for new suburbs to avoid any potential confusion to property addressing.

There are guidelines and naming principles that must be followed in relation to place naming, so not all suggestions lead to a proposal being developed. For more information regarding the place naming process and how to lodge a suggestion, please refer to the department's web site www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/mapping-data/place-names.

Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Wally Kearnan, Executive Director, South Region, of the department on telephone 3330 4459.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Cripps', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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