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## **Community engaged in place naming process**

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government is delivering for Tasmanians, cutting red tape and empowering the community to have a say on place names.

Tabled today in Parliament, the new Place Names Bill streamlines the system, introducing contemporary processes and replacing outdated sections of the Survey Coordination Act 1944 to provide a better approach to naming places.

The Bill outlines a number of new initiatives, including the establishment of a Place Names Advisory Panel to replace the existing Nomenclature Board, developing guidelines to modernise processes and creating a public facing register of place names, to better track the status of naming submissions.

There will be opportunity for greater community involvement in place naming as Tasmanians with appropriate knowledge and experience are able to join the Place Name Advisory Panel.

The Bill builds on the extensive stakeholder consultation undertaken in 2017 on the options for modernising the naming of places in Tasmania.

The Aboriginal and Dual Names Policy, which has been recently revised by the Government, will continue to be accommodated by the new Bill, through the Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines to be prepared in parallel.

The Bill also empowers Local Governments to be the naming authority in their municipal areas, for roads and streets under their responsibility.