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COMMUNITY GETS INVOLVED IN RENAMING PROPOSAL FOR THE MID WESTERN HIGHWAY

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello today announced the NSW Government had received significant interest in the proposal to rename the Mid-Western Highway the Wiradjuri Highway.

“I am pleased we’ve had lots of interest in the proposal, receiving more than 550 submissions from the local community during the submissions period, which closed last Friday,” Mr Gay said.

“Submissions were received from local business owners, residents, community group representatives, landholders, emergency services and government agency representatives.

“We will now go through all the submissions and review feedback. From an initial review, it looks like we’ve got lots of positive responses regarding recognition of the traditional land owners and some suggested areas to look at including ensuring we get the signage right.”

Mr Dominello said the proposal to recognise Aboriginal culture and heritage in this way resulted from representation by the Wiradjuri Council of Elders.

“The Mid Western Highway is the only NSW highway which starts and ends in an Aboriginal cultural area,” Mr Dominello said.

“It would be fantastic to be able to recognise the geography and people of the Wiradjuri Nation, which has existed on this land for thousands of years.

“I look forward to reading over the community feedback and getting a good understanding of the community’s views on the proposal.”

In considering the renaming proposal, Roads and Maritime Services is following Geographical Names Board Roads Regulation 2008 guidelines.

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