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GIS Office
Warrumbungle Shire Council
14-22 John Street
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Dear Sir,

I am writing to draw attention to an issue we are having with our street address. According to council signage and the address that the council recognizes and uses. We are on Orana rd.

However we have found that on all mapping data bases that we are on Girragulång road. Further investigation has revealed that Orana rd only applies to the Northern access across the river to the corner where it takes a 90 degree to the South. At this point it becomes Girragulång road and remains Girragulång road until it joins Moorefield road at the T intersection .There are no houses on our road that actually have direct access onto Orana rd. All residents on this road have access to the road designated as Girragulång road. We recently had an incident on the when we needed the

Obviously they all use satellite maps for directions to the addresses they are attending, accidents or crimes etc. They all had trouble finding the address due to the Signs at each end of the road read Orana road not Girragulång rd. Senior Detective was one of the attending Police and she can confirm the issues they had finding the address.

Attached are photos showing no signage indicating that this road is Girragulång road .

Thankyou for your time .If you have any questions please call.

Philip Southwell

From:
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 1:28 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Orana Road Coolah

Attn: Mr Phil Southwell - Warrumbungle Shire Council

Cc. Mr Roger Bailey
Ann Louise Capel
Other Councillors
Coolah Police (Keegan)

Dear Phil

Thank you so much for the time you have given me discussing Orana Road and the history. Our family do not want the road name to be changed to Girragulang Road. We would like the whole road changed to the name it has been known as, for the past 85 years at least, which is Orana Road.

said the emergency services had difficulty finding the property as the satellite navigation sees the address as Girragulang Road, not as Orana Road, of which all parties have known our address to be. Orana road was the address given, but the property was still hard to find.

The anomaly of the road name with Orana Road and Girragulang has only come about since the introduction of websites like Six Maps, Google Maps and Whereis, and it appears the addition of the name Girragulang has not been cross checked with the physical addresses, Landholders or the location or any property history.

The property Orana has been in the Piper Family since 1963, 58 years. My father-in-law is 92 and mother-in-law 89, and they, and our family, would be devastated that the name of road which runs through our property could be changed.

We would be happy agree to have signage or Point of Interest to note the location of the two railway sidings on our property Orana (Girragulang and Tenango) to acknowledge this part of local Coolah history.

Whilst we understand that our emergency services require the correct address to provide their valuable assistance, we would like to request that the mapping through Spatial services be corrected as soon as possible. As discussed with you Phil, as there is several anomalies in the addressing numbers that require correction for not only other houses located along Orana Road but also the main Orana house.

In regards to the history of Orana Road, we wish to confirm the following:

The road is currently signposted at either end as Orana Road from Moorefield Road and the Bkavk Stump Way and has been for as long as we remember.

I refer to our local Historian, Mr Roy Cameron's, recent book - End of the Line page 47 States "in 1935, Mr Jas Loneragan held the property Orana." Mr Leneragan held the property Orana until approx 1958, when it was purchased by the Keiran's who sold it to the Pipers. That is 86 years that it has been known as Orana Road.

Page 47 of the book also references "Tenango to Coolah" and the nearby Orana Road which has paralleled the line on the upside, since Hannah's Bridge

Page 119 of the book, there is a photo on page 119 of the Railway Bridge from Orana Road. Another reference is made to Orana Road on page 115.

We strongly believe the name Orana Road is extremely well known across the district and changing the name would continue to add more confusion to all in the Shire the local services who know it as such.

I know (as a former employee of the Coolah Shire) that the council records for road and area maintenance always has referred to Orana Road and you have confirmed this in our discussion today.

We wish we could pinpoint exactly when the name "Girragulang Road" started to appear in the age of the internet however this is irrelevant. We would appreciate that this is sorted out as soon as possible so that the navigation systems introduced in the last few years reflect the Coolah history. We wish to avoid any other situation where the residents on Orana Road, can't be found in an emergency.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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