



Fraser Coast Regional Council
NAMING OF WATERBODY AT ELI WATERS
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION EVALUATION
Engagement period: 3 July to 28 July April 2024

Council has resolved to undertake consultation with the local community to determine an appropriate name for the waterbody.

The engagement for this project will provide local residents and park users with the opportunity to provide naming suggestions for Council consideration. One local community group has submitted the suggested name of "Lake Eli".

The collaborative approach is to ensure participatory communication and engagement with the local community and park users to ensure the community's needs and views are a part of Council's decision.



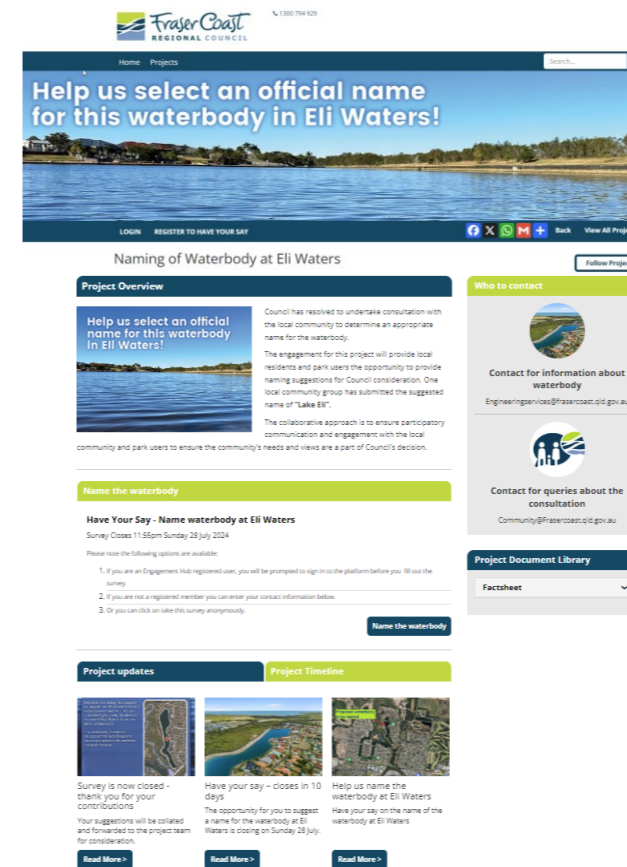
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
1.1 OVERVIEW – ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement campaign was undertaken from 3 July to 28 July 2024. A preliminary discussion had occurred with one community group, which had submitted a proposal to name the waterbody "Lake Eli". In accordance with a Council resolution to seek community engagement on a name for the waterbody, Infrastructure Services requested a short period of engagement with local residents calling for suggested names.



The community engagement occurred with several methods:

1. Community survey to gain both quantitative and qualitative insights into suggested name for the waterbody and what stakeholders would like to see as the name.



2. Local residents were emailed and mailed a letter inviting them to reply directly Infrastructure Services or fill in the survey.
3. Three corflutes were placed around the lake so that users could scan a QR and complete the survey.

Key messages:

1. Fraser Coast residents are being encouraged to suggest an official name for the body of water located in Eli Waters – bordering Eli Creek, Spoonbill Way and Bushlark Avenue.
2. Council resolved at an ordinary meeting to undertake consultation with the local community to determine an appropriate name for the waterbody.
3. The waterbody adds to the aesthetic value of the area in Eli Waters.
4. The water body is also creating a microcosm for local flora and fauna to be enjoyed by residents.
5. The community can provide their naming suggestions via the Engagement Hub project page.

2. ENGAGEMENT KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

This survey received a low response rate of 20; however, given that only 106 residents were invited to participate, this represents nearly 20 percent of the target audience.

2.1 SUBMISSIONS

Council received only the one, initial submission, which was to suggest the name Lake Eli.

2.2 SURVEY FINDINGS

The most important question was **Question Three: What name would you like to propose that Council consider for the waterbody?**

The most common response was "Lake Eli", with five (5) suggestions. The next most popular was Bushlark Lake, after the park nearby.

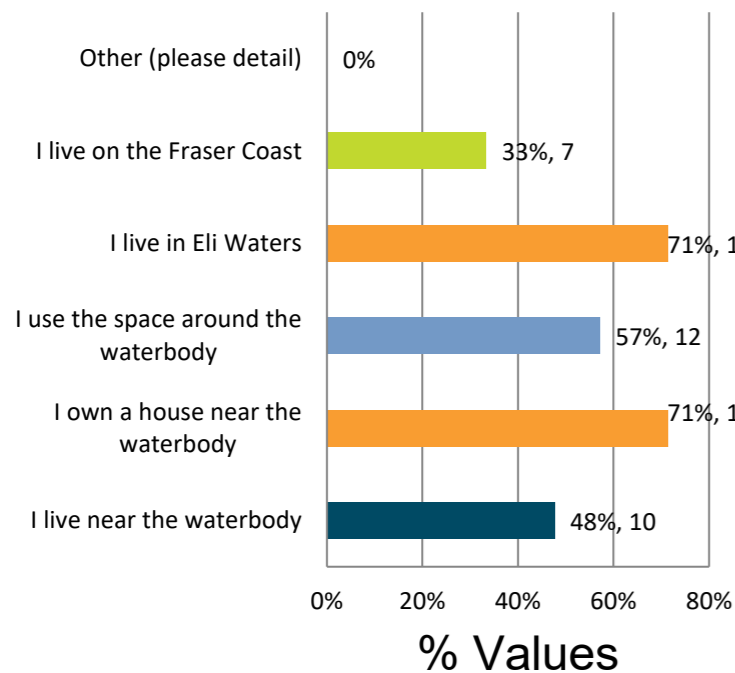
All others were lone suggestions, and these were:

- Fraser Lakes
- Calm Waters
- The Kanal
- Eli Lagoon Fishing & Recreation Reserve
- Mariners Cove Water Way/ Mariners Cove Lakes
- Moon Lagoon
- Badtjala Lake
- Eli Dam (included in Lake Eli count)
- Lake Koo'loo'in (Black Swan Lake in Butchulla language)
- Lake Reflection
- Tranquility Lake
- Lake Serenity
- First Lake
- Lake Storm
- Karinya, Karinya Lake (an Aboriginal term for Peaceful home or happy home)

It is interesting to note that three names referred peaceful, tranquil, serene as reasons for offering the name suggestion.

Other Questions:

How are you connected to the waterbody in Eli Waters? Please choose as many options that apply to you.



Question One: "Have you viewed the Engagement Hub page relating to this survey?"

100% of respondents indicated "yes".

Question Two: "What is your connection to the waterbody?"

Most of the respondents lived and/or owned a house near the water body (n=15 each). The next largest group used the space around the waterbody (n=12).

Question Four: "In a couple of sentences - Why do you believe your name suggestion should be chosen for the waterbody?"

This has been presented a table in attached appendix. This question required an open response. All 21 respondents provided a comment.

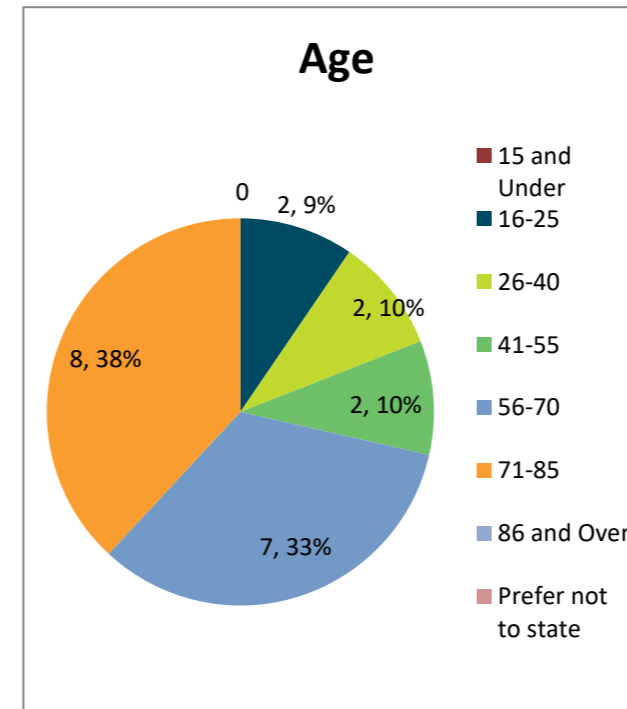
Question Five: "Do you have any further comments you would like to provide in naming the waterbody? (Optional)"

This question required an open response. Only five respondents provided a response. These were:

- Don't fall for the easy way out and name the whole lake system with the one name.
- In addition to naming, add facilities such as toilets, picnic areas, BBQs and if water quality is OK, a swimming area at the Endeavour Way end of the first lake
- We believe the name "Pickle Lake" is also being considered. Please note that we think it's a terrible name and would be very displeased if it was chosen.
- Serenity Lake: It evokes a sense of calm and tranquillity, perfect for a peaceful setting. We come daily to walk around the lake with a feeling of peaceful mind in the early morning, which creates vitality and energy every day.
- I personally enjoy morning walks with my canine friend around the waterways of Eli Waters. I am looking forward to all of them being signposted with beautiful individual names that reflect their beauty and serenity.

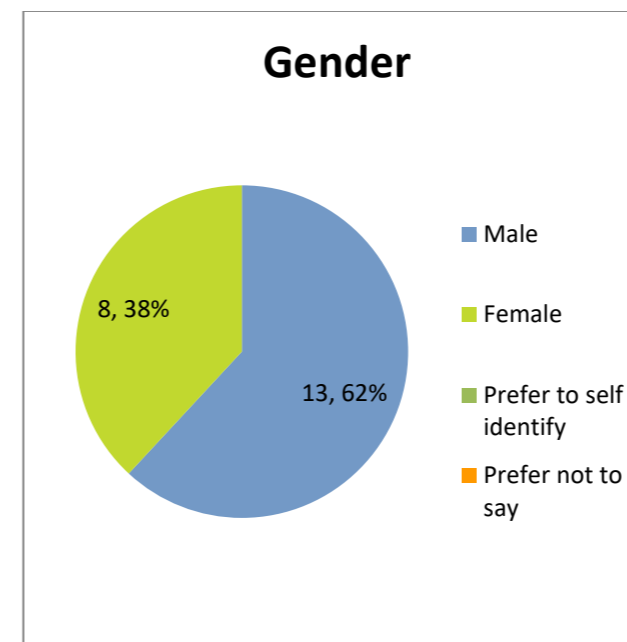
Question Six: Age

The largest age group was 71 to 85 years (n=8), and second largest was 56-70 years (n=7). This possibly reflects the age groups of the people living in that residential area.



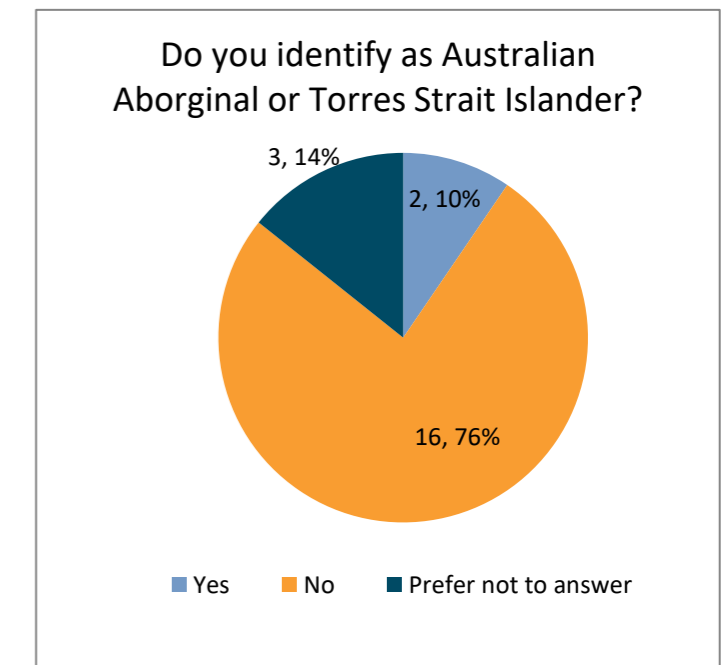
Question Seven: Gender

The largest group of respondents identified as male.



Question Eight: Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Only two people identified as Indigenous; however, this is probably representative of the area. There is 5% of the population in the Fraser Coast region identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people (n=5647) of the general population (n=111,032), according to the 2021 Census.



"Most of the homes backing on to the lake are in Bushlark Avenue"

"Eli creek feeds Lake Eli so it makes sense to us!"

3. NEXT STEPS

This summary report, and the tabulated spreadsheets will be provided to the project team within Infrastructure Services for consideration.

APPENDIX ONE: REASONS FOR SUGGESTING THE NAME:

NAME	REASON
Lake Bushlark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why call it Lake Eli when there are numerous lakes in Eli Waters not just one. Bushlark Avenue borders the majority of the length of the lake and it would seem more appropriate, then the naming of other water bodies will not become confusing. Most of the homes backing on to the lake are in Bushlark Avenue. The park in Bushlark Avenue is called Bushlark Park, so why not be consistent and call it Bushlark Lake? "Lake Eli" sounds too generic, as the body of water is mostly in the enclave of Bushlark Avenue.
Lake Eli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eli creek feeds Lake Eli so it makes sense to us! Happy with the suggested name. The naming of this lake as Lake Eli is a no brainer as it is situated in Eli Waters. "Lake Eli makes sense but then what will you call the other lakes?"
Fraser Lakes	Encompassing the connected waterways to the west of the lake in question. These lakes/waterways are interconnected and the flow is designed to be in a clockwise direction thro The use of Fraser is aimed at inviting the entire community to utilise the waterway. Currently those recently moving to the area seem to want to claim exclusive use.
Calm Waters	Because when we look out our back door this is what we are greeted with every day. This is paradise.
The Kanal	Because it's a Kanal and everyone calls it that no point changing it otherwise people will be confused when someone says something else
Eli Lagoon Fishing & Recreation Reserve	It keeps the suburb name and it gives the indication you can fish and undertake other activities such as walking and jogging. The word reserve also indicates there is nature as well e.g. flora, fish, kangaroos etc.
Mariners Cove Water Way/ Mariners Cove Lakes	This estate on Endeavour way and surrounds is Named Mariners Cove but nowhere is there any sign to say this. I think it would be nice to have the Lakes named this
Moon Lagoon	"You need to come and see the reflection of the moon on it
Badtjala Lake	I believe the naming should be by the indigenous community of this area. This Fraser Coast area is called Badtjala which is why I suggested that.
Eli Dam	Why not
Lake Koo'loo'in (Black Swan Lake in Butchulla language). Black swans frequently visit the lake.
Lake Reflection	We walk it morning & evening nearly every day"
Lake Jila or Lake Eli Jila	JILA IS aboriginal FOR PERMANENT BODY OF WATER, OR ELI JILA
Tranquility Lake	Cause if I'm having a bad day after work I'll take my dogs around it. After a few mins I'm taking photos of the horizon mirroring off the water, listening to birds and re grounded my spirit
First Lake	First Lake has been the colloquial name my whole life, due to being the first lake dug.
Lake Storm	Lake Storm was a name my daughter suggested."
Lake Eli Waters (included in the name Lake Eli for counting)	I adjusted the naming "Lake Eli" from the group published from your website already. There is an Eli Lake in America and there is an Eli Creek in K'gari (formerly Fraser Island), so I find it necessary to distinguish greatly from the similar names in other places, and also stands out the suburb's lake, which is the first manually constructed lake in Eli Waters. It captures both the sense of novelty and importance associated with being the symbol of its kind in the region, as now many other lakes
Karinya Lake	Karinya means peaceful home. This area is a peaceful home for an abundance of fish, birds and wildlife. It's also a peaceful place for many people who access the area.