



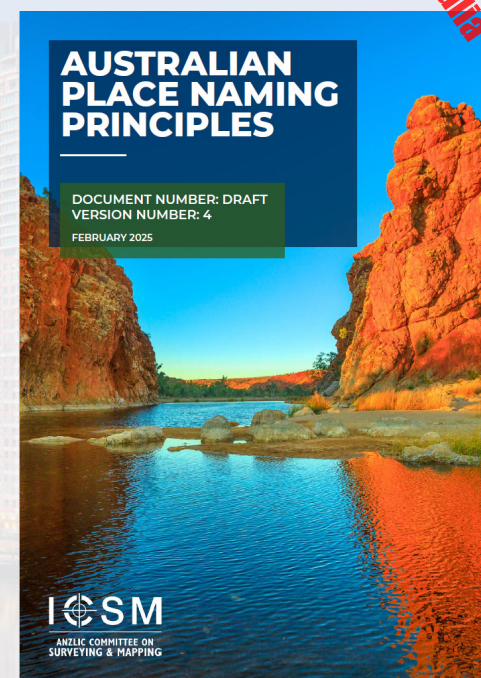
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Place naming is integral to identifying your location and underpins foundational spatial data



Place naming impacts on people's sense of identity, wellbeing and belonging



Place naming is a recognised way of preserving language and culture



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includes
Principles for the Use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Place Names
and
Dual Naming Depiction Principles

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First Nations place naming survey

Feedback on First Nations Place Naming principles

About the ICSM Place Names Working Group

The place names working group brings together place naming experts from Australia and New Zealand. You can learn more about ICSM here: <https://www.icsm.gov.au>

What are the Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names and why are they being reviewed?

The *Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names* is a document that provides guidelines for the consistent and accurate use of place names in Australia. You can view and download the current principles here: <https://www.icsm.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/principles-consistent-use-place-names-May-2023%20%281%29.pdf>

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1. Are you a First Nations* person?

**Note: The use of the term First Nations is used throughout this survey to reference both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and languages.*

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. What language group/s do you belong to?

Enter your answer

3. What State or Territory do you live in?

☐ ACT

☐ NSW

☐ NT

☐ QLD

☐ SA

☐ TAS

☐ VIC

☐ WA

☐ Other



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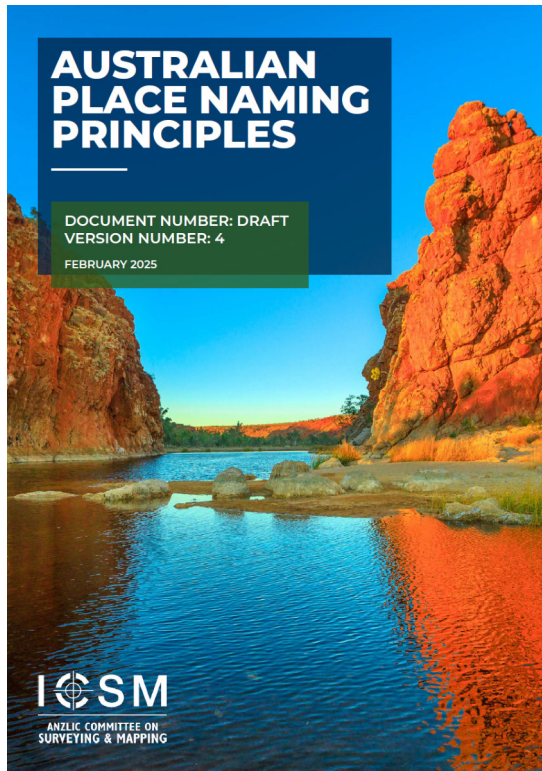
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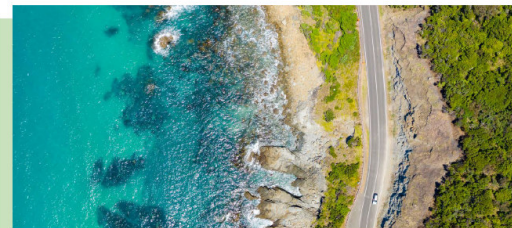
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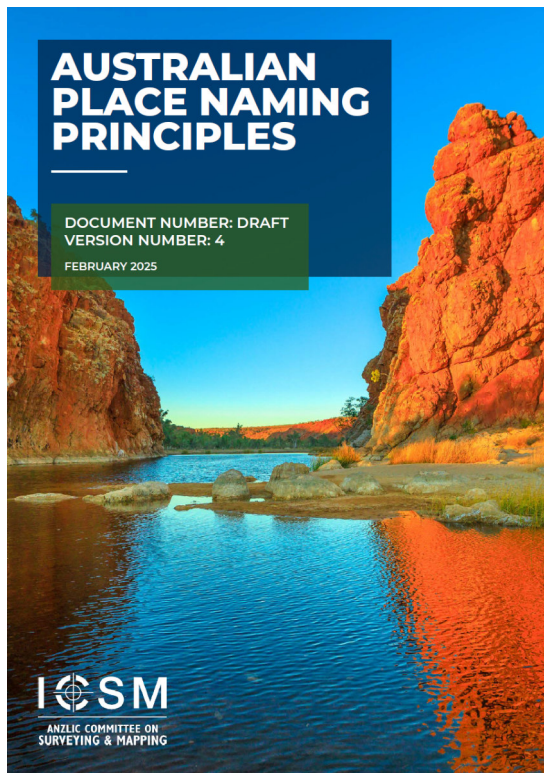
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Have your say on the Australian Place Name Principles

Who are we?
The Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM) Place Names Working Group (PNWG) brings together place naming experts from Australia and New Zealand. You can learn more about ICSM here: <https://www.icsm.gov.au>

What's this about?
The ICSM PNWG is seeking feedback on the draft Australian Place Name Principles. As there is no official national naming authority within Australia the PNWG has developed the Australian Place Naming Principles to provide a consistent and unified approach to place naming across the country. The principles replace the previous *Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names* and are designed to address contemporary community expectations, with a particular focus on safety, cultural sensitivity and inclusivity.

You can access the Australian Place Name Principles here: https://www.icsm.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/Draft%20Australian%20Place%20Naming%20Principles%20%281%29_1.pdf

Have Your Say
We want to hear from you! Please complete this survey, we appreciate your clear and constructive feedback.

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
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☐ Yourself

☐ An organisation, i.e. community group, association, government agency, club or business

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