

ORDINARY MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2010	4
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NAMING OF THE SUBURB/LOCALITY- FINLAY VALE - FINLAYVALE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolves to change the name “Finlay Vale” to “Finlayvale” and the Department of Environment and Resource Management be advised that the locality name of Finlayvale is to be officially adopted.

INTRODUCTION:

Council is required to provide the State Government with a Property Location Index (PLI) report which is an extract out of the rates database that matches physical street addresses to property descriptors (lot on plan numbers). From this report, it has been brought to Council’s attention that while Council has historically been using the name Finlayvale in all forms of official contexts, in fact the official recorded version of the locality is Finlay Vale.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s direction on how it wishes to deal with the matter.

BACKGROUND:

State Government introduced the *Place Names Act 1994* which provides processes for naming of all areas and physical features. In 1996 it was decided that all localities and suburbs should be officially bounded and named. Over a period of 5 years, the State Government ran a very extensive consultation process with Local Governments and public for the official naming of these localities. In February 2001, the locality names for the whole of Queensland were gazetted.

It has now been determined that this name discrepancy was not identified when the localities names were finalised.

COMMENT:

The locality name has always been understood to be Finlayvale (one word) similar to the road name. It appears to be a slight insight that this spelling error slipped through.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Corporate and Operational Plans:

Not applicable

Statutory:

The Council's role in this matter is advisory to the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Policy:

There is no Council policy on this matter.

Financial and Risk:

There is no cost to Council since our records are currently utilising Finlayvale. Cost to Council will only be incurred if this decision is reversed and then the cost will be administration costs in changing Council's records. It is estimated that there is approximately 40 properties that would be affected.

Sustainability:

Not applicable

CONSULTATION:

Cr Julia Leu view on this matter was sought and her preference was for Council to retain the name we are using and request DERM to alter their name register.

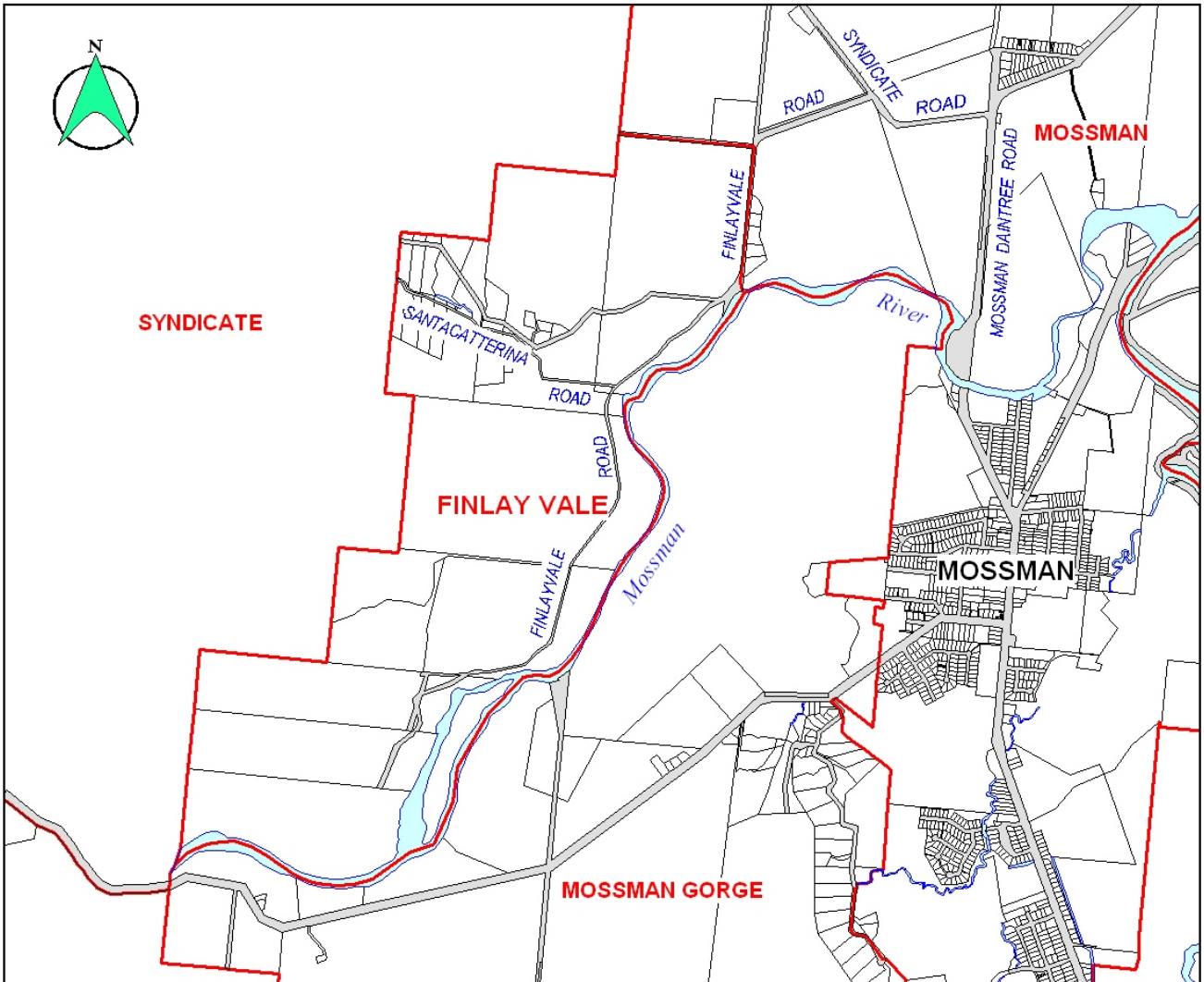
OPTIONS:

1. Agree to the request to have DERM change the name to Finlayvale.
2. Have DERM retain the name of Finlay Vale and Council amend our records.

CONCLUSION:

Council request that DERM adjust the place name from Finlay Vale to Finlayvale. Council officers goes through the necessary processes to have this name change recorded with DERM.

ATTACHMENTS:



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