

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 716

asked on Thursday, 25 May 2023

MR A TANTARI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if a decision has been made on whether K'gari will formally have its name changed under the Place Names Act?

ANSWER:

On 7 June 2023, the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games announced that Fraser Island had officially been renamed K'gari.

This was an historic event held on the island, with many traditional owners in attendance.

The name K'gari comes from the creation story which describes the formation of the Butchulla people's traditional homelands.

Recognising the traditional name of the island conveys respect for the Butchulla people's thousands of years of occupation and cultural connection to the island and their surrounding homelands.

The Department of Resources is the lead agency for naming areas and geographical features in Queensland under the *Place Names Act 1994*.

The K'gari proposal involved the largest consultation process ever undertaken for a place naming suggestion in Queensland, with nearly 6000 submissions received.

The department worked closely with key stakeholders, including various tourism agencies to ensure the unique tourism branding of the island was not lost.

In making this decision, I also renamed the locality of Fraser Island to K'gari. Renaming the locality will assist in reducing confusion with postage and emergency services.