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Lauga welcomes creek name change

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga has thrown her support behind the renaming of a Central Queensland creek to remove any insult to indigenous people.

Ms Lauga said she had been working with the Darumbal Aboriginal People Body Corporate for some time to have the place name changed through workings with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

"The move is to change the name of Black Gin Creek, located within Rockhampton Regional Council local government area, to a traditional, Indigenous name of Dundula Creek (pronounced ‘Doon-doo-la’)."

She said the renaming of the feature using a traditional Darumbal name will remove the negative connotations associated with the current name and act as a mark of respect to the traditional custodians and native title holders of the land.

In accordance with the Place Names Act 1994, place name proposals are required to be advertised for a two-month statutory consultation period to allow members of the public to provide comment.

It is expected that consultation will commence on 12 June 2020, and information on the proposal will be available on the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy website: www.dnrme.qld.gov.au.

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