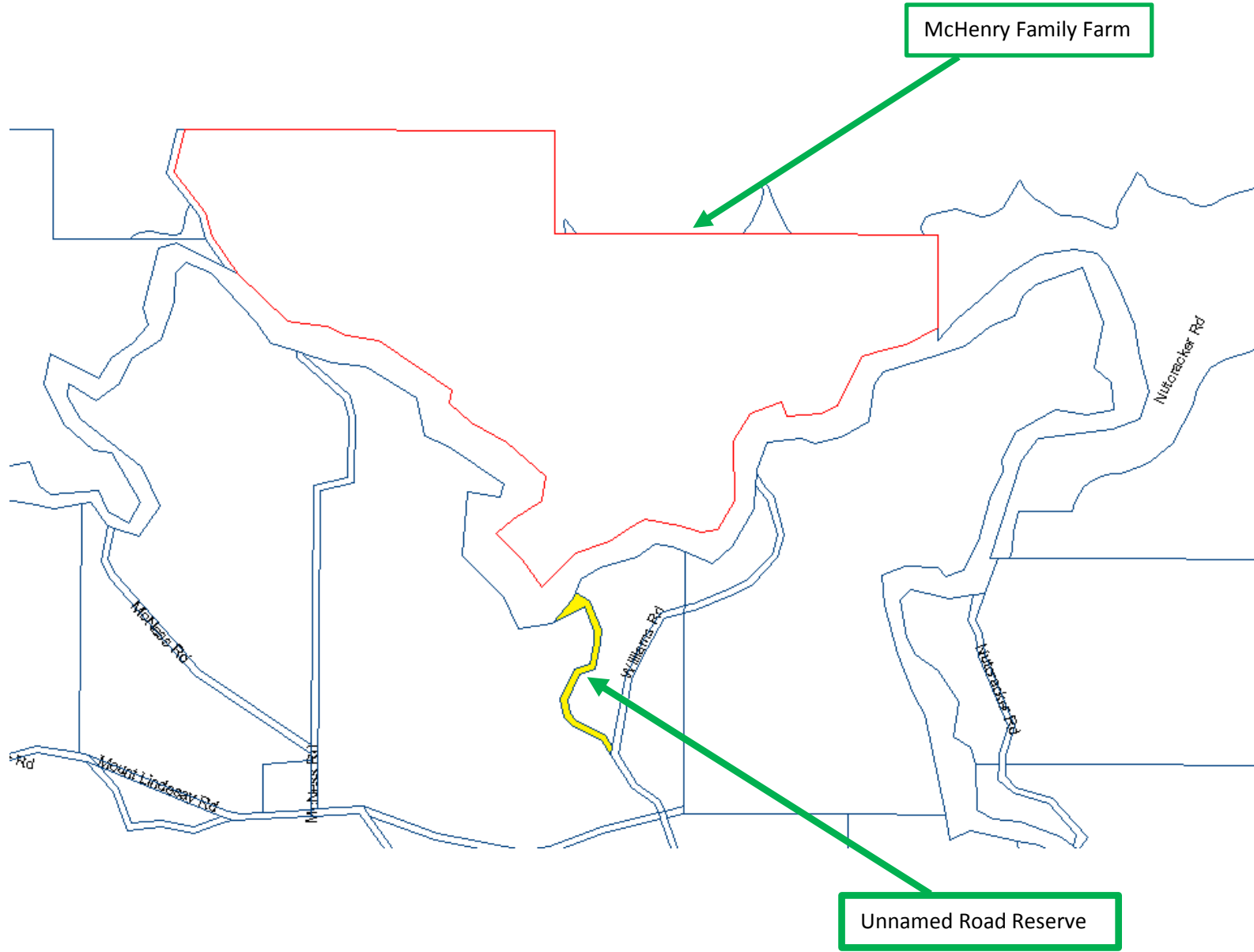
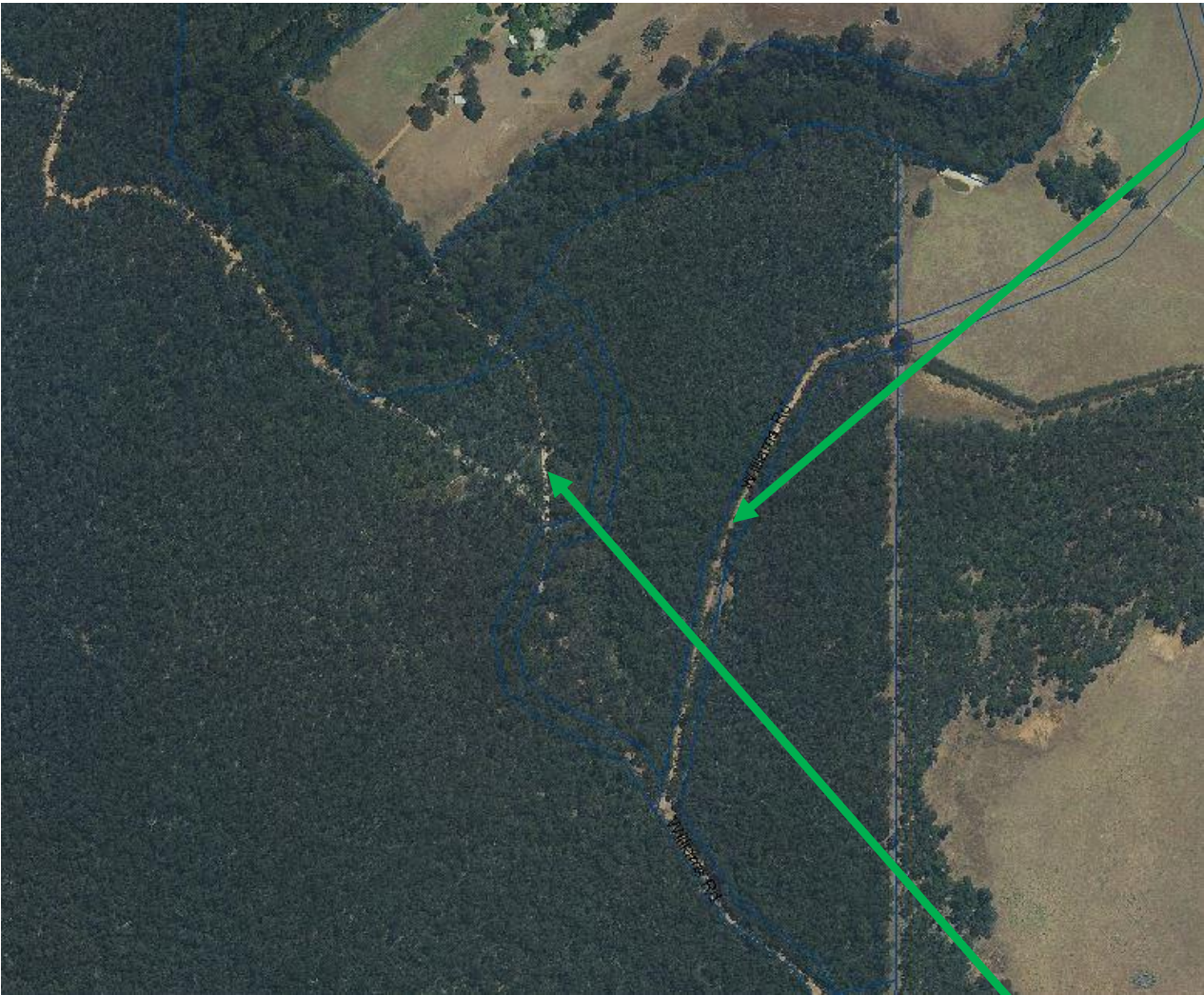


PROPOSED NAMING OF UNNAMED ROAD RESERVE – “McHenry Lane”



Williams Road



Unnamed Road Reserve

## 1.4 Commemorative names

In the past, many topographical features and places in Western Australia were often named after living persons, an event or another place. It was common practice to bestow the names of benefactors, members of the Royal Family, international and national figures, crews of vessels, members of expeditions, survey assistants, and family members left at home, many of whom had no connection with the feature that was named after them. This practice is no longer supported.

A commemorative name applied to a road or locality shall only use the surname of a person posthumously.

A commemorative name applied to a topographic feature may use the first name and surname of a person; although, it is preferred that only the surname is used.

A commemorative name applied to local parks and recreational reserves may use the first name and surname of a person; although, it is preferred that only the surname is used.

### 1.4.1 New commemorative naming proposals

Landgate recognises the significance of historic commemorative naming and encourages the continued recognition of outstanding achievements, contributions to the community and significant events.

The following policies shall apply to all commemorative naming proposals:

- all commemorative name proposals shall meet the same criteria required of any other name proposal
- all commemorative naming proposals must include evidence of support by the wider community and reach beyond a single local government, person or special interest group
- a commemorative name shall not be used to commemorate victims of, or mark the location of, accidents or tragedies
- prior or current ownership of land does not confer the right or entitlement to apply a commemorative name
- the use of unofficial commemorative names in publications, or in landscape dedications or markers, is no assurance that they will be adopted into official names records
- a commemorative name shall not be considered for adoption if a well-established and acceptable name already exists for the feature.

### 1.4.2 Use of personal names

Landgate will not accept a commemorative naming proposal of a person whilst they are still alive for a road or locality.

Requests to approve names that commemorate, or that may be construed to commemorate, living persons will also not be accepted.

The approval of a name to commemorate an individual will only be considered;

- posthumously
- permission of the immediate family must be obtained. Where the person has been deceased for more than 10 years and contact with the immediate family could not be established appropriate consultation must be carried out
- based on a demonstrated record of achievement

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- having had a direct and long-term association with the location and made a significant contribution to the area
- the proposal commemorating an individual with an outstanding national or international reputation has had a direct association with the area in which it is to be located
- such application is in the public interest
- there is evidence of broad community support for the proposal.

The following will not be considered as appropriate grounds for a commemorative naming request:

- current or past ownership of the land is not considered sufficient grounds
- precedence of existing names
- past or ongoing public service within all levels of government
- names will not be supported after a person who has sponsored the development of the area, or was a commercial developer.

### **Use of nicknames, epithets or informal names**

The use of nicknames or other informal names may also be used but only in combination with the surname, for example, Snow Bennett Park. The approval of such names will be at the GNC's discretion as the preference is for only the surname to be used. The use of elongated names such as Harold 'Snow' Bennett Park will not be considered.

### **Alternate commemorative naming options**

If a local government or community group wishes to commemorate a living person, they should consider an alternative option. Section 5: Local parks and recreational reserves, may meet their needs for commemorative naming of living people.

The local government may prefer to commemoratively name buildings and/or other community infrastructure after living people. It is however requested that the normal naming policies and standards should still be applied to avoid duplications and any possible confusion with other such facilities.

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### **1.4.3 Honouring living people by the Minister**

In rare circumstances the Minister at his or her discretion may approve a commemorative name of a living person for a road or locality, where they have attained exceptional achievements at state, national or international level, requiring special recognition.

The Minister will not approve a name:

- that could be considered offensive
- exposes the State Government to legal risk or widespread public criticism
- is connected to a religious group, political group or commercial enterprise where they are likely to cause public divisiveness.

### **1.4.4 Use of initials**

The initials of a given name shall not to be used in any instances. For example, a feature named Smith Park is easier to identify than one named J.K. Smith Park as it could be incorrectly referred to as JK Park, K Park, Smith Park by the public.

### **1.4.5 Titles, honorifics and post nominals**

A title is added to the beginning of someone's name to signify respect (such as the honorific of Sir, Madam etc), an official position or a professional or academic qualification.