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1	YS Comment Form	Although I am not familiar with the reserve, I have regular contact with John and Teresa Pinto through my work. I had some idea of John's work history but did not know of his long service to council and the community, and it would be good to see this recognised in this way.
2	YS Comment Form	Another name option could have been "Tatura Pinto Reserve".
3	YS Comment Form	Happy for it to be renamed we think Pinto Reserve would be a lot better for a reserve name, without having the first names included.
4	YS Comment Form	I do not live in the area and of course it should be its residents that have the final say. My input is just on naming Parks and Reserves in general. It is great to name them after someone who has contributed to his/her community and area so yes, great to name after John and/or Linda Pinto but I would then name it simply... PINTO RESERVE with a plaque in place to advise anyone using the park why it is named after the Pinto Family; always nice to understand why a place has been named after someone. Or effectively leave it's Aboriginal name but then also putting in place a plaque that explains of the Aboriginal name. Many of us have little understanding of their beautiful culture and I think it's always a nice piece of information to have and share with them. Thank you
5	Phone	I do not support the proposal to rename the reserve. Tatura is an old name; an Aboriginal name. It means "small lagoon" because of the old water courses. They also use the word over in Victoria (Goulburn) as the name of a town. Tatura, often known as 'water wheel' country, its steeped in history, as the location of several German and Italian prisoner of war camps in the 2nd World War. I think in the 2nd World War they held the crew of a sunken warship and the ship captain instigated an escape, though they were later caught. I can't be sure, but Tatura town in Victoria was home to the Yorta Yorta Aboriginal tribe. There are other individuals in the community doing more charitable work who should be recognised. Mr Pinto would have received a stipend for his work with Council. It would be great to see Council considering and reporting on the history of reserve namings when they consider these proposals, to understand the history and background of the original name and its significance to local residents, culture, and history.
6	YS Comment Form	I do not support the re-naming of the reserve because while John Pinto served on Council for many years, it does not follow that therefore they are worthy of having a reserve named after them. What about considering a First Nations people's name relating to the location?

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7	YS Comment Form (Duplicate of 18 & 19)	<p>I say No to the renaming of TATURA Reserve..it is Aboriginal Land.</p> <p>As a Ratepayer in Fulham Gardens, I totally OBJECT to the renaming of this reserve from "TATURA RESERVE" as originally, it is INDIGENOUS LAND Land to "JOHN & Teresa PINTO Reserve.</p> <p>How about developing a community garden on the reserve and encourage Ratepayers to provide comment. Our Council Rates are getting way to high as it is, we want value for our money by having free fruit and vegetables.</p>
8	YS Comment Form	<p>I strongly object to this proposal given this is simply in recognition of work done and paid for mostly by taxpayers.</p> <p>Whilst the Pinto's may have resided adjacent to this location, there are many other more examples locally of people who have given to the local community and in a voluntary capacity. The family point to precedents of similar reserves providing recognition, this simply smacks of elitism that has no place in this community and as a local resident who uses and loves the trees therein, we use this reserve to play with my grandchildren, albeit it is just outside my LGA.</p> <p>I abhor the idea the idea of someone who has recently sold a single dwelling and profited from creating four family homes with all of the attendant traffic issues around and abutting this reserve getting any recognition whatsoever.</p> <p>CSC would be better investing tax payer money in a traffic management plan around the reserve as there are now regularly up to ten vehicles parked on each side of the road creating hazards for locals seven days a week.</p>
9	YS Comment Form	<p>I would prefer a name change to something representing first nations people or else no change at all.</p> <p>The reserve is used as a dog off leash zone most evenings unfortunately, with no policing.</p> <p>It would be disrespectful to John Pinto to have his name representing a dog dominated park which flies in the face of council regs.</p>
10	Phone	No for the renaming.

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12	YS Comment Form	Stop wasting taxpayer money on name changes; and people will be MUCH happier.
13	YS Comment Form	<p>Tatura is an Aboriginal/Indigenous name meaning "Small Billabong". It is a very picturesque reserve and anyone who is fortunate enough to live there should consider themselves very lucky.</p> <p>To change the name from an Aboriginal name in an era when we wish to make amends with first nations peoples would be a very brave move.</p> <p>This is the second time this proposal has been presented. It was rejected approximately 20 years ago - I recall well, as I made a submission then.</p> <p>If a reserve needs to be named after a past councillor, may I suggest that a new reserve be developed and named after the Pinto's.</p> <p>It is likely that renaming from an indigenous name (even if it may not be a local term) will have State and National government agenda implications.</p>

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14	Email	<p>Tatura Reserve has 3 Morton Bay figs which are beautiful trees and contain a lot of animal life, and is a lovely spot to take young children. I am NOT in favour of it being renamed. John Pinto's daughter tried years ago to have it changed to his name and it was voted against. There is no reason to be changing the name of the park which is an Aboriginal name meaning "small lagoon" or "small ponds" of which this was part of the river system that is now only seen on underground maps. If you would like to search an old map for the area, you will see there is a small underground river going under Tapley's Hill Rd. Fulham.</p> <p>Mr. Pinto was a builder for many years in the area then retired & joined the council. None of these being any reason to name the park after him. Many residents of this area remember John Pinto and [REDACTED]. He has not [REDACTED] [REDACTED] done anything memorable towards the community, so why should he be commemorated. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>My parents used to live in Tapleys Hill Rd. We used the park quite frequently when my grandson was small and we used to take my mums little dog with us. It is a really lovely little spot and I believe neighbours still use it frequently to run their dogs.</p>
15	Phone	<p>We recognise Mr Pinto's length of service to Council, but it would be more suitable to recognise this through a plaque or personal commemoration. We don't wish to see the name changed and many of us in the neighbourhood have also lived in this area for a very long time. I thought this request has been considered already in the past and refused as the community at that time that there would be no change to the reserve's existing name.</p>
16	YS Comment Form	<p>I had some contact with the pinto's. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Please don't change the name</p>
17	Hardcopy Feedback Form	<p>As far as I'm aware the reserve has not had a publicly known name since dad built the house at #13 in 1972. (Unlike the nearby Madeline Reserve on Little Ave). While this is a side issue my father served the City of Charles Sturt for 29 years on Council and a further 10 or 12 years as a volunteer. At 90 years old and in declining health with mum as a sole carer I think it would be fitting to dedicate this reserve in his (and mum's) name.</p>

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18	Email (duplicate of 7 & 19)	<p>As a Ratepayer in Fulham Gardens, I totally OBJECT to the renaming of this reserve from "TATURA RESERVE" as originally, it is INDIGENOUS LAND Land to "JOHN PINTO RESERVE".</p> <p>TATURA RESERVE is 3,134m2 located in Fulham Gardens on Tatura Crescent, Fulham Gardens It has a large well established fig tree, other established and well maintained landscaping areas and a picnic setting.</p> <p>In my view NO PARKLANDS should NOT BE NAMED after any MAYORS or WARD COUNCILORS, for the pure fact they are ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICERS, who serve our local community and us Ratepayers, and receive a FINANCIAL ALLOWANCE from the City of Charles Sturt Council, even though they may do some volunteer work.</p> <p>There is not enough land within the City of Charles Sturt local Council area to name after every volunteer INCLUDING MYSELF , who has contributed to our local community a variety of volunteering roles.</p> <p>It is a fact that approximately 30% of Ratepayers participate in local council elections as voting is not compulsory.</p> <p>At the opening of each meeting , the following verse is recited by the Mayor of City of Charles in front of Ward Councilors at all City of Charles Sturt Meetings:-</p> <p>"Niina Marni is "Kurna"for "Welcome' The City of Charles Sturt acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional custodians of the land, the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the Kurna people of today. We acknowledge the contributions and important role that Aboriginal people continue to play within our local community in Charles Sturt. We also respect the culture of Aboriginal people visiting from other areas of South Australia and Australia"</p> <p>As a Ratepayer, I would like to point out that the renaming of a Reserve from TATURA RESERVE to JOHN PINTO RESERVE goes AGAINST the "Welcome to Country Statement "above that the Mayor of the City of Charles recites before every Local Council Meeting, so WHY ATTEMPT to RENAME the Reserve in the first place?.</p> <p>On one hand, the City of Charles Sturt Council respects the "KARUNA PEOPLE" and on the other hand, our Council wants to rename the Park "JOHN TINTO RESERVE" It does not make sense,? Its a HYPROCRIY to the INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS, so in fact, why does our Council bother to recite the "Welcome to Country Speeches" at the beginning of local Council Meetings???? In my opinion , the Welcome to Country Speeches are a FORM OF TOKENISM to ALL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS and many of us Australians are getting VERY TIRED OF BEING WELCOMED TO OUR COUNTRY, WE ARE ALL AUSTRALIANS!!!!!!</p>
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		<p>And always remember it's ok to say " NO" No more division [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>I would also like a small community vegetable and fruit garden established on TATURA RESERVE too to accompany the fig tree , to also BENEFIT our local Community including the HOMELESS instead of wasting our Ratepayers money with a name change!</p>
19	Voicemail (Duplicate of 7 & 18)	<p>You've received my e-mail you know that I don't do not wish so the reserve to have a name change as its Aboriginal land and well you know the mayor says welcome to the Kurna people on every time there's a council meeting. Why does she bother to do that if they're gonna change the name from to tour reserve to John Pinto. So in that case I disagree with any name changes and the welcome to country speech should be scrapped as well because it's tokenism to the indigenous anyway you can add more comments as per my e-mail or you can call me back. Also a community garden would be great there if there are volunteers available to maintain it.</p>
20	Letter	<p>Thank you for your letter inviting me to express my views re the proposed renaming of Tatura Reserve. I would not like to see the Tatura Reserve name change and as a rate payer I am concerned about the costs involved.</p> <p>In every Council area there are many citizens who volunteer their time (Blood Bank donors. Meals on Wheels workers) and those who do good works for and in their communities who never get any recognition, let alone a reserve name change. So therefore I would suggest rather than renaming the reserve that an appropriate plaque should be attached to any existing structure or object (picnic setting) already in the reserve.</p>

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21	Email	<p>Whilst I don't particularly mind the reserve being renamed (i wasn't even aware it had a name), I personally think 'Pinto Reserve' would be a better option than including John/Teresa.</p> <p>Another issue I would like to raise is the consistent walking of dogs on the reserve without the use of leads. I have seen many different families use the reserve with young children and I don't think it's sensible or safe for so many dogs roaming without leads. I note there is a small sign regarding the permitted use of leads but I don't think it is very visible.</p> <p>In addition to the safety aspect of dogs not leads, I have also noticed a significant amount of dog on the reserve, this is a follow on problem from the dogs not on leads as I am sure most owners will clear up the mess if they see it, however I have seen both poo on the reserve and roaming dogs pooing.</p> <p>I think a clearer sign on the reserve and also letters to local residents reminding them of the dog on lead policy would be practical.</p>
22	Email Submission (Duplicate of 11)	<p>Our family have resided directly opposite TATURA Reserve, for more than 34 years. Being close neighbours, we knew John & Teresa PINTO, very well. Aware of John's contribution to Council, we were sad, when they decided to relocate. What was worse, their award-winning house (Architecture House of the Year) was demolished. Replaced by four dwellings, all not in keeping with location, or surrounding properties. Simply put, change is not always for the best.</p> <p>WE oppose renaming TATURA Reserve. It is symbolic, entirely suitable, and should be left alone. There was a previous attempt (in recent memory) to rename this reserve. That attempt failed, allegedly due, to lack of response. Aware there is a petition circulating, NO TO THE NAME CHANGE, we just hope, council can leave it alone...again.</p>