

## PROPOSAL:

### Change of Gibb River Road signage for Barnett River Gorge.

The Ngarinyin traditional owners for this country encompassing Barnett River Gorge would like to change the road sign marking the entrance to this location. The current sign (Figure One) reads Barnett River Gorge and is located along the Gibb River Road, 30kms east of the Barnett River Crossing. (Please see attached map.)



**Figure One:** Current sign for proposed name change.

The traditional owners would like to recognise the original name of this location which was always known as **Jingarrin**.

The reasons for this proposed name change are as follows:

- Across the Kimberly vast quantities of Indigenous knowledge and indigenous place names have been lost since colonisation. Establishing original place names in common use, helps preserve some of this knowledge base.
- Use of the indigenous place name pays respect to Ngarinyin culture and provides an avenue of recognition that the area being visited is Indigenous land within a native title area.
- Visitors to this site are often confused by the name Barnett River Gorge as being within Barnett Station when it is in fact within Gibb River Station.
- Use of an Indigenous name such as Jingarrin may add to a visitor's appreciation of the site. There are plans to enhance the visitors experience when visiting the location, by providing information on Ngarinyin culture.

For the general public Jingarrin is simply a place name without a specific meaning.