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REVISED: Change advisory notice 295.1 - Image Web Server (IWS) migrating to the cloud

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Amendment notes

This amendment explains the revision of Vicmap Change Notice #295 published on 07/03/2023.

1. Image Web Server (IWS) migrating date has been rescheduled to 14 April 2023. This provides more time to transition with both systems (old and new) running concurrently.

The revised Vicmap Change Notice #295.1 is provided below.

What is happening

The Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA) is upgrading its Image Web Server (IWS) hosting platform to the cloud, the following changes will affect IWS users:

1. The transition of Image Web Server to the cloud will be completed on **14 April 2023**.
2. The current URL will operate until **14 April 2023**. After this date the url will change to https://iws.maps.vic.gov.au/erdas-iws/ogc/wms/RDP?SERVICE
3. If your user details do not work, you may need to reregister as a new user. To create an account, visit https://datashare.maps.vic.gov.au/.
4. The IWS administration site http://images.land.vic.gov.au/iwsadmin/ - where you can check which images/resources can be accessed via your account - will no longer be available.
5. User guides have been updated to reflect this change and can be found at: https://www.land.vic.gov.au/maps-and-spatial/imagery/about-image-web-server

Why this change is occurring

DEECA is uplifting its enterprise spatial architecture and moving data services to the cloud. This will improve the performance, stability and disaster recovery of the Image Web Server (IWS). It also includes improvements data storage and data management with anew Raster Data Platform. .

Impacts of the change

As the URL will change, existing links to images will no longer work and will need to be reset.

If connecting via GIS applications, subfolders (eg. Aerial,Maps) have been removed. Only primary folders will be viewable (eg. VMIMAGERY).

Some pre-2010 images will not be available in the first release of the new IWS. The missing images will be progressively added to the system in coming months.

Please contact vicmap@delwp.vic.gov.au if you require urgent access to an image that you are unable to find in the new Image Web Server.

Who will it affect

Anyone sourcing aerial and satellite imagery and digital maps from the Image Web Server.

When the change will occur

The migration of the Image Web Server to the cloud will happen on **14 April 2023**. The publication of this notice is given now to enable customers to prepare for the transition.

What do I need to do

Please ensure your GIS software and other mapping systems are utilising the new IWS URL https://iws.maps.vic.gov.au/erdas-iws/ogc/wms/RDP?SERVICE from **14 April 2023**.

If your user account does not work in the new IWS please set up a new account.

Get in touch with us

For further help or information concerning the content on the IWS under the VMIMAGERY, VMLITE and VMINDEX folder email vicmap@delwp.vic.gov.au

For further information concerning IWS Service please contact gis.helpdesk@delwp.vic.gov.au

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