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**Change advisory notice 303 Attribute change in Geographic Names Register (GNR) table**

## **What is happening**

A change in an attribute name has been made in the GNR table maintained in Vicmap Features of Interest. See details below:

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| **S**tatus | **Attribute** | **Data Type** | | **Description** |
| old attribute | ABORIGINAL\_NAME | | VARCHAR(1) | Provides an indication that a name is of Aboriginal origins.  Values:  “Y” ”N” |
| new attribute | ABORIGINAL\_ORIGIN | | VARCHAR(18) | Provides an indication of the type of aboriginal name’s origins. Values: “Aboriginal Name” “Derived Aboriginal” |

Table 1: Details of the new attributes

## **Why this change is occurring**

The renamed attribute allows more defined progeny of the name source and responds to the changes made in the data delivered from Geographic Names Victoria’s VICNAMES – Register of Geographic Names.

The Aboriginal Origin information will support those organisations that have reporting requirements against the Gender Equality Act 2020, Sustainable Development Goals and Reconciliation Action Plans.

## **Who will it affect**

This change is an improvement for customers of Vicmap Features of Interest GNR table.

Incremental Update Format (IUF) customers will not be affected as part of this change.

## **When the change will occur**

This change will be implemented by the **8December 2023** to restore services following an extended outage period for currency in the VMFEAT.GNR product.

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