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**Change advisory notice 298 New Attributes for Geographic Names Register (GNR) table**

## **What is happening**

New attributes detailed in Table 1 below are being added to the GNR held in the Vicmap Features of Interest Product

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| **Attribute** | **Data Type** | | **Description** |
| GAZETTE\_PUBLISHED\_DATE | | DATE | The date the name was published in the Victoria Government Gazette. |
| GAZETTE\_REFERENCE | | VARCHAR(100) | The reference used in the Victoria Government Gazette. |
| GAZETTE\_URL | | VARCHAR(200) | The web link to the respective Victoria Government Gazette notice. |
| ABORIGINAL\_NAME | | VARCHAR(1) | Provides an indication that a name is of Aboriginal origins. |
| GENDER | | VARCHAR(15) | Provides an indication of the gender of a name, i.e. Male, Female, Self-Described, Mixed gender (multiple commemoration i.e. family). |

Table 1: Details of the new attributes

## **Why this change is occurring**

The attributes will align with the data being delivered from Geographic Names Victoria’s VICNAMES – Register of Geographic Names.

The additional information will enable users to be able to confirm the gazettal details of any given VICNAMES record. In addition, whether a name is of Aboriginal origin and or its gender if applicable.

The gender and 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 and Geomark.

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

## **When the change will occur**

This change will be available after the release of DEECA’s new Vector Data Platform (VDP). Cut over from the on-premises data centre to the VDP cloud platform is expected to be in May/April 2023. Vicmap with proposed changes will be published to the VDP in late April 2023. Further communication will be provided when the VDP Vicmap release date is confirmed.

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