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**Change advisory notice 295 - Image Web Server (IWS) migrating to the cloud on 27 March 2023**

## **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 Image Web Server will transition to the cloud on 27 March 2023.
2. The URL for the IWS will change to:

<https://iws.maps.vic.gov.au/erdas-iws/ogc/wms/RDP?SERVICE>

1. The current URL will operate until 27 March 2023.
2. Your user details may no longer work and you may need to reregister as a new user. To create an account, visit <https://datashare.maps.vic.gov.au/>.
3. 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.
4. 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).

## **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](mailto: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 27 March 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 27 March 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](mailto:vicmap.help@delwp.vic.gov.au)

For further information concerning IWS Service please contact [gis.helpdesk@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:gis.helpdesk@delwp.vic.gov.au)

For Vicmap Product change notices and updates, visit [Vicmap change notices](https://www.land.vic.gov.au/maps-and-spatial/spatial-data/updates-to-vicmap/vicmap-change-notices).

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