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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries and on
the progress made in the standardization of geographic names**

Report of Australia

Summary**

The report is focused on the work undertaken in support of item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda for the two-year period since the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

The Place Names Working Group continues to fulfil the role of national naming authority in Australia, ensuring that the strategic objectives of the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping are met.

The report is focused on the following areas, which are not covered in technical papers: meetings and promotional opportunities, efforts to standardize geographical names, the collection and treatment of names, data management and services, names within Antarctica, coastal and international waters, and international cooperation.

The Group of Experts is invited to express its views on the report and discuss the work undertaken in Australia.

* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Rafe Benli (Australia), Place Names Working Group, Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/67/CRP.67.

