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**Toponymic data files and gazetteers (data processing and
tools, database management, data dissemination: products
and services)****(Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers)****Report of New Zealand – on the evolution of the
New Zealand gazetteer****Summary****

The full report contains information on the evolution of the New Zealand gazetteer including enhancements made in 2018 and updates planned for 2019. The 2018 enhancements focused on user experience, extending coverage to include the naming jurisdiction of the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, and providing better spatial context. The Geographic Board has moved the online gazetteer to a modular platform (Leaflet), thus providing flexibility to continue updating the gazetteer as technology changes. In the report, the author discusses goals, challenges and successes in meeting a legal requirement to produce a publicly available record of official geographical names.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Wendy Shaw, Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/37/CRP.37.

