



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

<i>Agenda Item Number: 11</i>	
<i>Agenda Item Title: Toponymic terminology</i>	
<i>Title of paper/report: Generic terms in the Canadian Geographical Names Database</i>	
<i>Statement/intervention provided by:</i> <i>Australia</i>	
<i>Statement/intervention:</i> <p>Thank-you to the distinguished delegate from Canada for sharing details of their project to review generic terms and feature codes used in the Canadian Geographical Names Database, and for the invitation to comment on similar work.</p> <p>Australia has completed a similar project and faced some of the same challenges described by Canada; a summary of our approach was discussed in E/CONF.105/136/CRP.136 from the 11th Conference in 2017 with some brief updates provided in our most recent country report (GEGN.2/2021/25/CRP.25). We welcome further discussion with our Canadian colleagues, should they wish to share in more recent learnings and ongoing challenges from our similar projects.</p> <p>Australia also draws the attention of the Group of Experts to the value of standardising feature type categories and code lists as important precursors to Linked Data implementations, a topic that will be discussed further in agenda item 14.</p>	
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