## STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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New Zealand supports the report GEGN.2/2021/6/CRP.6 'Linked Data considerations for geographical names standardisation' submitted by the Australian member of the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management.

New Zealand also supports further discussion on this topic, as requested in the report, raising these three considerations:

- 1. Understanding the reasons why linked data is important, such as authoritative source data, minimising duplication of effort, consistency of data, and cost savings.
- 2. Technical processes and systems should be fully discussed and understood.
- 3. Recognising the difference between machine to machine interoperable linked data (eg web feature services, integrated databases) and reference linking between discrete databases (such as hyperlinks using URLs). A simple way of understanding these is that the first is pulling in real-time data and the second is pointing elsewhere. Examples of both will help UNGEGN's understanding.

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