

Second Level Domains Policy Review Submission

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Q: Are the twelve second level domains still appropriate for their communities of interest?

A: Yes.

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Q: Should any of the open 2LDs be moderated? (.ac, .co, .gen, .geek, .maori, .net, .org, .school)

A: no

comments:

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Q: Is there any need for the rationalisation of the current 2LDs?

A: No.

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Q: If so, what process should be used for the removal or closing of existing 2LDs?:

A:

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Q: Should any such process be included in the 2LD policy?:

A:

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Q: What criteria (types of criteria and specific examples) should be applied to the creation of new 2LDs?

A: Extensive and open public consultation.

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Q: Is the current process for creating new 2LDs too simple, too complex or about right?

A: about right

comments:

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Q: How much, if anything, should an application for the creation of a new 2LD cost?

A: Should be free of charge.

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Q: Who, if anyone, should be able to block the creation of new 2LDs? If so, why and how?

A: Consensus is required, and objections must be publicly reviewed, enough length of time should be allowed for the process. Second level domains should not be based on race, ethnicity, gender - in fact all factors discrimination against which is not allowed by NZ laws and regulations.

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Q: Should there be different criteria or processes for the creation of moderated as opposed to open Second Level Domains?

A:

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Q: Is the level of public input in the process adequate; excessive; or inadequate?

A: inadequate

comments: More needs to be done to involve the public at large - there are many NZ societies which can be contacted to provide mailing lists, and other means for broad consultation.

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Q: Are the methods currently used to seek public input (submissions; discussion period; straw poll) the best available, or would you suggest other/additional methods?

A: Generally adequate, but should be broadened as to include more individual, and perhaps a true voting might be included

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Q: Do you think direct public registrations should be accepted at the second level?

A: yes

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Q: Why? What are the advantages or disadvantages of such an approach?

A: Eliminates the need to add/revise second level domains. Easily remembered domain names

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Q: If direct registrations are allowed at the second level, what kinds of transition arrangements would need to be put in place for existing third level registrants?

A: Perhaps a smaller registration fee?

13.

Q: What is the best way to deal with any conflicts between existing third level registrants if the second level is opened?

A: Reserve all existing third level domain names as second level ones by default - and sell them only to the existing third level name registrants if they request that.

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Q: Should registration fees be different (higher/lower) for Second Level domain registrations if they are opened directly to the public?

A: Yes

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Q: Are there other options around the future of the Second Level that the working group should consider?

A:

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Q: Are there any other issues you think the Working Group needs to consider in the course of the review?

A: