

# Second Level Domains Policy Review Submission

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**1.**

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

A: No. the communities of interest 2ld's don't generally add much value other than same vague information about the domain. the most useful is probably .school.nz. other 2ld's are a pain because often entities will fit into more than one category and hence have to register multiple domain names to cover themselves - meaning confusion for end users e.g. orcon.net.nz/orcon.co.nz

**2.**

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

A: no

comments: Moderation is hard to police and bad for domain name registrations in general. It should be easy to register any domain name - more domain names means more value.

**3.**

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

A: yes - removes complexity, makes the namespace much easier to use.

**3.1**

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

A: allow people to register them as long as they want, but prevent any new registrations in that particular 2ld space and encourage people to cancel their domains. once they cancel a domain it could not be hijacked by someone else as 3ld's would not be able to be registered.

**3.2**

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

A: yes

**4.**

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

A: don't think any new 2ld's should be created.

**5.**

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

A: about right

comments:

**6.**

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

A:

**7.**

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

A: The DNC should be able to block 2ld creation, but should not be obstructive - any 2ld in theory should be able to be registered if it is not already assigned (e.g. .co.nz)

**8.**

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

A:

**9.**

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

A:

comments:

**10.**

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:

**11.**

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

A: yes

Comment: I think that NZ is too small to have a whole bunch of 3ld's when a lot of much larger countries only use 2lds (e.g. .it, .be, .de, .cn etc) having shorter 2ld domain names will make them more user friendly and easier to remember. It also means that companies don't have to register a whole heap of domain names to protect themselves (e.g.

Orcon.net.nz/Orcon.co.nz/Orcon.gen.nz etc)

**12.**

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: existing third level domain name registrants should be given first option.

**13.**

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

A: If the same 3ld is registered by different people in different 2lds, then the registrant with the most 3ld registrations of that name should be given the domain, or the parties should be allowed to bid for the domain name (only where there is conflict) E.g. Orcon owns orcon.co/net/geek/org/gen.nz - so should be given first option on orcon.nz even if someone else happened to own orcon.iwi.nz. If someone owned xxx.net.nz and someone else owned xxx.co.nz and they both want the xxx.nz domain, then they could bid for the domain online - generally the person prepared to pay the highest amount would be the most eligible owner. bidding should not occur if there is no conflict.

**14.**

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

A: yes - lower as less admin overhead and no moderation.

**15.**

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

A: no - open it up!

**16.**

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

A: