

# .geek.nz Submission

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I am writing in support for the creation of the .geek.nz second level domain.

The idea has received widespread support with geeks in NZ (and elsewhere). The number of votes supporting (956 votes) the creation of .geek.nz in the straw poll can be seen as an expression of some of the interest we have had in the proposed 2LD.

The .geek.nz 2LD will allow geeks to own domains within a 2LD they can identify with. Geeks in NZ who have wanted a domain name have up till now had to make do by getting domain names within 2LDs within .nz (or other ccTLDs). Ewen McNeill, as mentioned in his submission, is one of many in this category. There are many more who have purchased within one of the gTLDs. John Russell, in his submission, used himself as an example of people in this group. On top of encouraging someone who would have purchased a gTLD, there are others who have not bought a domain simply because they didn't feel they found a good fit. So from the latter group we will find a group who will now decide to purchase a domain.

The suggestion by a few that perhaps geeks should use gen.nz is a suggestion that will apply to any and everyone who proposes a new 2LD, including the successful .maori.nz 2LD (at the time they went through this process). This is because gen.nz is a generic/general area for anyone who do not fit to any existing 2LDs. If this suggestion is allowed to be used then there will be no more need for new 2LDs within .nz. Jodi Thompson states quite simply why he is in favour of the 2LD and would buy a domain within it in a comment to InternetNZ's public consultation list. From this comment it is obvious it is clear to any reader that it is easier for Jodi Thompson to identify with geek.nz than gen.nz (see <http://listserver.internetnz.net.nz/pipermail/public-consult/2002-December/000119.html>)

Gavin Lambert, in his submission states it simply enough. It isn't hard, technically to add the .geek.nz 2LD. It is the process of approving the 2LD that creates the barrier to other 2LDs being introduced. It will do no harm. Those that identify with it will buy a domain within the 2LD and those that don't have others to choose from.

This is not a moderated domain and anyone who identifies with it are welcome to be part of it. The word geek is fairly neutral and does in no way discriminate.

Geeks of all shapes and sizes are welcome regardless of their race, gender, religion, age or sexuality

One of the requirements state that there should be a community of interests and show there is going to be a continued existence of said community. The large number of votes received in the straw poll is one way of demonstrating this. Another is to look at the usergroups, societies and other fora favoured by geeks in NZ. I recall that more than half the attendees of a conference were at a discussion on geeks (lifestyle etc) back in May 2000. This was a presentation led by Liam Greenwood at the Netforum (Uniforum & ISOCNZ conference) in Hamilton. Even google has a category in their directories for the geeks subculture.

Obviously there will always be geeks in NZ. Any suggestion otherwise will seem quite ridiculous. Lack of geeks in New Zealand will probably also mean death to any innovations or intelligent use of IT or internet in New Zealand. Should we arrive at such a state, there'll be more to worry about than the continual use of the geek.nz 2LD.

I also believe this will make .nz unique and lead the world in being the first to introduce home within our domain name space for geeks. There have been a lot of positive support for this from the geek community in and out of NZ.

Thank you to those at InternetNZ and the Domain Name commssionner who have guided us through the application process. I would also like to thank Dean Pemberton and other geeks who contributed resources to this effort.

I look forward to the addition of geek.nz to the group of 2LDs available within .nz and registering my geek.nz domain.

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