

.geek.nz Submission

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Personal submission as a freelance IT journalist and consultant.

I am heavily in favour of the introduction of a .geek.nz domain for the following reasons:

From the position of an IT journalist, I find there is significant support for the new domain from my peers - particularly from those known for supporting Open Source and Open Standards. This is borne out by the response to the initial proposal.

It will illustrate to the IT world in general, and not just in New Zealand, that InternetNZ and the Office of the Domain Name Commissioner are in touch with the IT community at large. This is a stark contrast to such organisations as ICANN.

It will present the Geek community with a central rallying point, both within New Zealand and for those outside the country who wish to contact our expanding IT export community. I believe that Geeks are essential for innovating in the IT industry, and that they will be our driving force behind reclaiming this sector from existing corporate monopolies both legal and illegal. This has to be good for the country.

Frankly, it will also draw attention to the New Zealand IT sector as the new domain is reported throughout the world's IT press. Many New Zealand companies may be able to increase their overseas markets because of the publicity involved.

I cannot see that any harm or confusion would result from the creation of this domain and recommend its implementation.

Regards,

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