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Dear Debbie

APPLICATION FOR A NEW SECOND LEVEL DOMAIN - .BANK.NZ

Thank you for your letter dated 22 February 2007 advising of the application you have received to create a new second level domain, .bank.nz, and seeking comments on the application.

The Ministry supports this application. The banks in New Zealand represent, in the Ministry's view, a significant community of interest. By having a second level domain for banks the public interest will be served by assisting banks to differentiate their website addresses from those of scammers seeking to set up website addresses with similar names.

Yours sincerely



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