

Application for a new 2LD - .parliament.nz submission

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I have reviewed the 2LD application and all current submissions on it.

While I agree that Parliament appears to have a community of interest this is not the only requirement.

While I understand that the UK has parliament.uk I fail to see what precedent that gives for .nz. They have other 2LD's that .nz does not have and also the .net.uk 2LD is so moribund it was in the process of being removed. One in turn cant state a precedent and then ignore others that relate to .nz.

.mil.nz and .cri.nz are legacy for .nz, much in the way that parliament.uk is to .uk. The recent 2LD working group spent some time on what to do with these 2LD's but decided due to the share small size that any changes would not no real difference to the registrants of .nz.

I believe this application should not be granted due to "Does not conflict with, duplicate or cause confusion about, any existing 2LD, and is a useful addition to the current DNS hierarchy".

99% or more of all New Zealanders would find no difference between .parliament.nz and .govt.nz. While the actual community of a few hundred people are well aware of the difference I fail to see what impact of not using .govt has on day to day maters for this community of interest to the wider .nz community.

Political parties are already using .co.nz, .org.nz and in some cases even non .nz names!

Perhaps if this is approved we should have a StateOwnerEnterprises.nz 2LD or perhaps a PublicFinanceAct4thScheduleOrganisations.nz as neither of these communities of interest appear to fall under .govt either.

In summary I believe that the confusion between .parliament.nz and govt.nz to almost all New Zealanders should mean this application should not be implemented.

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