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Dear Joy

**Second Consultation: Proposed registration of .nz domain names at the second level**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Domain Name Commission's second consultation on the proposed registration of second level .nz domain names. Please find attached the Department of Internal Affairs' answers to the questions outlined in the Consultation Paper.

Yours sincerely

**Colin MacDonald**  
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Department of Internal Affairs

# **Response to Second Consultation: Proposed Registration of .nz Domain Names at the Second Level**

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## **1. If you consider registering a .nz domain name in the future, would you like anyone.nz to be an option rather than a name under just the second levels, e.g. anyone.co.nz?**

The Office of the GCIO supports the Domain Name Commission (DNC) in its responsibility to consult the New Zealand Internet community and reasonably decide, based on input from that community, on the question of second level .nz registrations.

## **2. Would likely short term confusion over a transition period be an acceptable consequence for offering a long term option of allowing .nz registrations at the second level?**

With significant changes to any such critical infrastructure, some short term confusion is almost inevitable. Should the DNC decide, based on input from the community, to permit registrations at the second level, mechanisms should be established to help reduce any short term confusion that registrants might experience.

## **3. Do you agree that existing .nz registrants should get a priority right in obtaining their name at the second level if this proposal proceeds?**

The Office of the GCIO supports the Domain Name Commission (DNC) in its responsibility to consult the New Zealand Internet community and reasonably decide, based on input from that community, on this question.

## **4. Do you agree with the approach in the draft amended policies if we proceed with this? What, if anything, would you change?**

The Office of the GCIO supports the Domain Name Commission (DNC) in its responsibility to consult the New Zealand Internet community and reasonably decide, based on input from that community, on this question.

## **5. Do you support the proposal that a current registrant of a .nz name at the third level should be able to reserve that name at the second level for no cost if they wish to block others from registering it but not actually utilise it themselves?**

Yes. Should registrations at the second level proceed, this proposal provides current registrants a reasonable, albeit temporary, period during which they can, if need be, improve their understanding of these changes to the .nz domain namespace, and assess any potential impacts or opportunities.

**6. Is two years an appropriate time to wait before reviewing policy to allow a reservation at no cost? Should this time frame be longer?**

Yes, two years is an appropriate time.

**7. Is two years an appropriate time to wait before reviewing the policy to extend the Dispute Resolution Service to sub-domains of second level registrations? Should this time frame be longer?**

Yes, two years is an appropriate time.

**8. Do you see any benefits from allowing registrations at the second level which have not been covered in this paper?**

No.

**9. Do you see any detrimental effects from allowing registrations at the second level which have not been covered in this paper?**

No.

**\*10. Please enter your name, and if relevant, organisation. Your name and organisation may be published with your survey results**

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