

RE: Feedback from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) on the **Consultation Paper on proposed registration of .nz domain names at second level**

LINZ supports the proposal to enable the registration of .nz domain names at the second level. This will provide access to easier to use domain names for individuals and companies. It is unlikely to be adopted by LINZ and who will continue to use the govт.nz domain.

LINZ recommends the following updates to the Policy proposed for registering, managing and cancelling domain names:

1. Policy Section 6 Domain Name Registrations at the Second Level

Consider the addition of a policy to provide **preference** to government departments or agencies for the **registration of .nz domain names** at second level.

This is relevant when the government department or agency is the current domain name registrant of the govт.nz domain names and there is a matching registration in another domain.

For example where Land Information New Zealand is the registrant of [linz.govт.nz](http://linz.govt.nz), landonline.govт.nz and geospatial.govт.nz they would have preferential priority to register the domain names linz.nz, landonline.nz and geospatial.nz. There is currently a conflicting registration with landonline.co.nz.

2. Policy Section 6.4

Consider extending the policy to additionally list all existing .nz second level domains that cannot be registered at the second level.

The additional wording be added

The existing .nz second level domains '.ac', '.co', '.cri', '.geek', '.govт', '.health', '.iwi', '.kiwi', '.maori', '.gen', '.net', '.org', '.parliament', '.school' and '.mil' are reserved and cannot be registered as second level domains.

3. Policy Section 8 Domain Name Registrations

8.2 The DNC has no role in deciding whether an applicant has a legitimate right to the name. The applicant, in lodging the request for the name warrants that it is entitled to register the as requested.

- LINZ suggests that the DNC ensures that Domain Registrars are clear about the process of getting consent from other domain owners and makes it easy to achieve through email notification.
- A suggested process would be that each **domain name registrant** with the same domain name but different second level domain e.g. anyone.co.nz and anyone.org.nz and anyone.net.nz, are all **emailed each others registrants details** so they are able to get in contact with each other easily.

On the [DNC website](#) we suggest the Domain Name Commission provides clarity:

- of the sunset period policy
- of the availability to register a .nz domain
- have some FAQ / guidelines and possibly establish a dispute resolution process for resolving conflicts on the competing application of the second level domain
- of what will happen to second level names that are still in dispute at end of the Sunrise period. LINZ suggests that the **domain should remain unregistered until the dispute is resolved.**