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.nz WHOIS review

Thank you for letting the registrants to have their say, although I remain optimistic that good sense will prevail over doing things in a traditional bureaucracy. For the purpose of my submission, I refer exclusively to personal use examples.

- Why .nz registrant data should /should not be collected

Registers should collect data about registrants only for the purpose of billing and technical contact. A web form should be made available to contact without revealing details of the registrant, which would be in compliance with the privacy act.

- Why .nz registrant data should /should not be publicly available

.nz registrant's data should not be made publicly available due to issues with spam from overseas. I am personally fed up of being contacted on the registrant email address that is used nowhere else, for the spam from obnoxious companies. Additionally I believe that people need privacy from obnoxious phone callers such as the "microsoft tech support" idiots who want to get a virus into MS windows.

- Why the display and availability of .nz registrant data should / should not be the same for all parties

The display and availability of .nz registrant data should not be the same for all parties on the assumption that the data is publicly available only on an opt-in basis. I would prefer that personal contact details aren't automatically available to all of the world's spammers just because I want to have a .nz domain.

- Why the current approach does / does not raise concerns for some

The current approach raises concerns for those of us who have listed their personal details in the registrant data, the usage of the WHOIS service is not in compliance with the privacy act and encourages obnoxious spam both physical and electronic to be sent to personal addresses. I will also add that I am fed up of finding new hindi obscenities to tell people claiming to be calling from microsoft tech support asking to sort out my computer.

Also, if there is no progress in making the .nz registry compliant with the privacy act, then there is very little confidence in the technical competence of the registry. It remains to be seen whether the expense of operating a PO box just for a website is really a viable option in the 21st century of growing participation in the internet.

Finally, privacy is a legal right, it should not be an added cost for the privileged few.