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Domain Name Commissioner
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Dear Ms Monahan,

Review of the .nz WHOIS Service

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October 2015 inviting submissions regarding the review of the .nz WHOIS service.

The Ministry would like to take the opportunity to make the following submission:

1 Why .nz registration data should/should not be collected

Registrant data **should** be collected. This information can help in identifying the owner of a .nz domain, which can be used to contact the registrant for governance, abuse, spam, security and anyname.nz conflict resolution purposes.

2 Why .nz registration data should/should not be publically available

Personal data **should** be removed from public viewing, however a process would need to be developed to enable the data to be retrieved through the registrar for the purposes of point 1 above.

Measures should be taken to ensure the protection of personal data.

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

It **should** be the same for all parties. Options for privacy could be consider as outlined in point 2 above.

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

The current method of displaying all the registrant details, including personal data, to all WHOIS queries **raises concerns** as this approach gives spammers, marketers, scammers and others access to the information for the purpose of misuse.

I trust this information is helpful for you going forward.



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