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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.

We support the .nz WHOIS service as it makes information available to the public and enforcement agencies in regard to the registration of a .nz name. It also provides a useful tool to check the legitimacy of a company that uses a .nz domain but may not be legitimately functioning in New Zealand. The registration and publication of such information supports accountability and transparency however this should be balanced firmly with reasonable expectations of privacy.

We also support the collection of .nz registrant data as it enables identification of the owner of a domain name, allowing any security or spam risks to be reported to the registrant owner in a time sensitive manner.

The publication of .nz registrant data is supported. However steps should be taken to protect the identification of individuals so the risk of information being potentially misused is reduced.

We wish you all the best for the review and please keep us advised as to the second public consultation phase.

Yours sincerely



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