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Dear Ms Monahan

Application for a new second level domain

Thank you for providing the Medical Council of New Zealand with an opportunity to comment on the proposal that a new second level domain (".health.nz") be created. The Medical Council only meets every two months and has not been able to discuss this proposal. However, while the Council were not able to meet I did discuss the proposal with Council staff. My comments are:

- That a ".health.nz" domain would be useful.
- That the definition developed to cover the scope of this domain does not include authorities with statutory authority and the purpose of protecting public health, but which are not part of government – including the Medical Council, the Nursing Council and the Health and Disability Commissioner. It is suggested that amend your definition as follows (amendments in bold):

"Organisations whose principal purpose is to provide health and disability services through registered health practitioners, **regulatory authorities** and government bodies whose principal purpose is supporting health and disability support service delivery or public health."

- The definition also fails to unregulated providers. While this may be appropriate in many cases, it also means that groups such as ambulance services and social workers will not be able to use the ".health.nz" domain. You might like to consider amending the definition to capture these groups.

I hope you find these comments useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Council's Senior Policy Analyst and Researcher, Michael Thorn, on (04) 381 6793.

Yours sincerely,


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