



## Domain Name Commission Ltd

# Non Executive Director Recruitment

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### *Information for potential applicants*

Domain Name Commission Ltd (DNCL) is a company wholly-owned by InternetNZ and, in common with the rest of the InternetNZ group, has charitable status. DNCL is headed by the Domain Name Commissioner, and is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the .nz domain name registration and management system, including:

- Effectively managing the .nz domain name space;
- Developing policies and procedures for .nz; and
- Governing operational elements of the management of the .nz country code top level domain (ccTLD).

DNCL accomplishes these goals by:

- Authorising registrars
- Developing policies under the direction of the DNCL Board, whose members are appointed by the InternetNZ Council
- Monitoring registrar activities and their compliance with the .nz policies
- Handling complaints that arise in the operation of the .nz market
- Protecting the rights and relationships of all parties in the .nz market (registrars, registrants and registry).

There is a vacancy arising on the Board at the end of July 2010 and InternetNZ is seeking applications from suitably qualified individuals who wish to be considered for appointment to the DNCL Board.

In addition to holding existing directorships, or being a successful senior executive, the ideal candidate will have experience in community advocacy or similar.

Applications (to [vacancy@internetnz.net.nz](mailto:vacancy@internetnz.net.nz)) close 12pm Friday 28 May 2010.

## *Company structure and background*

The InternetNZ Group comprises InternetNZ as delegated manager of the .nz domain, with its wholly-owned subsidiaries the Domain Name Commission Limited (DNCL) operating the policy and regulatory arm, and New Zealand Domain Name Registry Ltd (NZRS) operating the .nz domain register and associated systems and infrastructure.

DNCL became a company in its own right in April 2008, having previously been an operational office of InternetNZ governed by an Oversight Committee. The company is responsible for the development and enforcement of the policies and procedures that govern the shared registry system of the .nz domain name space.

DNCL takes responsibility for the .nz delegation under an Operating Agreement with InternetNZ and a Service Level Agreement with NZRS that specifies registry performance standards.

Development of the .nz market has seen the number of domain names grow to 393,494 (as at 31 March 2010) with a competitive market of 74 registrars.

The .nz domain name space is regulated through a comprehensive framework of policies and procedures, and follows an overarching principle of first-come, first-served. All policy development work is subject to public consultation. Registrars are authorised by DNCL to offer .nz services, and once authorised, are bound to .nz policies. The Domain Name Commissioner has the power to sanction parties (both registrars and registrants) who breach the .nz policies. DNCL administers an independent dispute resolution service for use in situations where there is a dispute over who should be the registrant of a particular domain name.

Funding for Domain Name Commission Ltd, including the costs of the Board, is by way of a management fee charged to NZRS. Therefore, the governance of .nz is effectively funded by the registrants, whose interests it is designed to promote and protect.

DNCL has a proactive strategic planning process that incorporates linkages to other parts of the InternetNZ group.

An overview of the work undertaken by DNCL, including published minutes of Board meetings, is available at the Domain Name Commission website - [www.dnc.org.nz](http://www.dnc.org.nz).

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