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Dear Ms Monahan

Proposed WHOIS policy amendments – registrant searches

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2010 inviting the New Zealand Law Society's comment on the proposed WHOIS policy amendments to permit registrant searches of the .nz domain name register. The Society appreciates the opportunity to comment.

The proposed amendments have been referred to the Society's Commercial and Business Law committee. The committee has considered the consultation materials and supports the introduction of enhanced search functionality for the .nz domain name register.

However, the committee was unable to reach any consensus as to the appropriate scope of the enhanced search facility – with some advocating broader search facilities than those set out in the proposal. The committee notes that a wide variety of concerns need to be addressed including privacy, and perceived dangers of abuse. However, these concerns need to be balanced against the advantage of providing a sensible and useful searching facility.

Yours sincerely

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President