

.nz Additional Search Functionality Consultation - Submission

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Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Paper on Registrant Search Functionality.

I make this submission as an anonymous person with good knowledge of the domain name system and entrepreneurial business. My comments are as follows:

(1) It is important that registrants receive details of any parties conducting searches on them so that registrants become aware of any inappropriate searches.

(2) There should be a formal process whereby registrants can submit a complaint against parties who conduct searches which the registrant deems to be inappropriate.

(3) To prevent abuse, it should only be possible to search a registrant's domain names once a valid DRS complaint has been made.

(4) A substantial payment should be required in order to conduct a search, and/or the search should only be allowed once payment for the DRS complaint has been made - i.e. once the DRS complaint has been deemed valid *and* it is to be referred to an expert. This is to prevent business secrets being revealed under the guise of a DRS complaint (that may later be withdrawn)

(5) The full list of domain names returned from a registrant info search should not be published as part of a DRS complaint (i.e. on the DRS decisions page) - it is important that only those domain names relating directly to a DRS complaint be submitted with a DRS complaint.

(6) What protection is proposed for registrants having the same or similar name to a "search by registrant" in the case of DRS complaint? (Given that details of an innocent 3rd party may be published in a DRS decision.)

(7) In order to minimise spam to registrants, I propose that the registrant's email address not be supplied in the public whois data - instead there should be a form on the DNC website where a message can be sent to domain registrants (protected by captcha, IP flood protection, etc.)

Signed,
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