

Registrar Advisory Group — Terms of Reference

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Terms of Reference:

The terms of reference outlines the purpose, scope and roles of the engagement between the Registrar Advisory Group (RAG), InternetNZ (INZ), Domain Name Commission (DNC) and the Domain Name Commissioner (Commissioner) together (the Parties).

Purpose and Membership

In accordance with the Authorisation Agreement, DNC has established a Registrar Advisory Group (RAG) consisting of up to six Registrar representatives, elected by Registrars who will meet with INZ and DNC to discuss issues regarding the management of the .nz domain name space.

Members will not use the forum to represent any personal agenda that doesn't have a wider benefit to the registrar community.

The group is intended to represent the collective interests of the registrar community.

The Parties will meet quarterly unless otherwise agreed.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Parties may:

1. Discuss any compliance, monitoring, registry, or industry issues that may impact the .nz market or Registrar services.
2. Discuss and provide feedback on the management of the registry, its interfaces and matters affecting the .nz domain name space.
3. Share information regarding issues affecting the .nz market, and discuss and offer possible solutions.
4. Identify and evaluate possible registry enhancements and changes.
5. Discuss any proposed or suggested changes to the .nz Rules.

6. Discuss any identified emerging risks in ccTLDs and gTLDs domain name spaces that may impact .nz.
7. Discuss any current or potential new products, services or marketing proposals and consultations.

The RAG will not make any public statements purporting to represent INZ or the DNC's position on any matter.

The Commissioner will:

1. Chair the meetings with the RAG.

DNC will:

1. Convene each meeting and circulate the proposed agenda to the RAG and INZ.
2. Draft the meeting minutes and circulate to the RAG and INZ for feedback before circulating to Registrars.
3. Carry out any nomination and election process for RAG membership from time to time.
4. Share information and updates about DNC's monitoring and compliance activities and any industry issues identified by DNC.

INZ will:

1. Share information and updates about INZ's registry, marketing and product development activities.
2. Share information about proposed changes to the .nz Rules and seek feedback from time to time.

Election of Registrar representatives

Registrars may elect up to six Registrar representatives to serve as members of the RAG.

As a membership position becomes available, the DNC will seek nominations from Registrars and then call for votes from Registrars to determine the successful representative to join the RAG. The election

process will commence earlier than the expiry of each member's term (at least 3 months prior) to ensure continuity of membership.

The term of each appointment is three years unless the representative's Registrar is de-authorized, in which case the representative will be removed on the date of de-authorization.

A Registrar representative who has served one or more terms is able to be nominated and elected again.