

## Meeting Minutes

- DATE:** 03 April 2025, 9 AM to 10 AM
- ATTENDEES (DNC):** Barbara Pearse, Commissioner (Chair)  
Ann Ibrahim, Head of Technical and Relationships
- ATTENDEES (INZ):** Josh Simpson, Product Infrastructure Lead  
Maria Skatova, Generate Manager  
Sonya Trompetter, Product Support Manager  
Isobel Egerton, Domain Name Policy Lead  
Rose Jamieson, General Manager, Public Impact  
Tim Johnson, General Manager Customer and Product
- ATTENDEES (RAG Members)** Lee Miller - Voyager  
Melissa Tihiariki - TPP WholeSale  
Neil Stockbridge - Metaname  
Prudence Malinki - Mark Monitor  
Shaun Fisher - Vetta
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** Terms of Reference\*

### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Discuss Registrar Advisory Group purpose and standing agenda/topics
- INZ update
- DNC update
- Upcoming cadence

## MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioner welcomes attendees and introductions.

- invited the participants to provide feedback on how the Group operated before the IRS and what would be beneficial going forward to enable mutual benefit for registrars, INZ and DNC.
- updates from INZ and DNC on upcoming activities.

### **Registrar feedback;**

- Provides an opportunity for registrars to come together and discuss what registrars see on day to day operations.
  - Pleased to see the re-engagement.
  - Keen to see a close feedback loop to test ideas from the registry's side and vice versa based on the industry changes/updates/issues.
  - Suggests a Registrar Advisory group slack channel for quick feedback loops.
  - Support a quarterly cadence.
  - Suggests a representative from DIA or the government to make up the six members.
- Requests to ensure sessions are organized and productive.
  - Suggests using the sessions for .nz registry to provide updates as per changes coming down the pipeline and to gather views of registrars on new products & new services.
  - Keen to maximize engagement and relationships between Registrar Advisory members and all registrars and the registry/DNC.
  - Supports a consultation that is active both ways.
- The Registrar Advisory group was beneficial when there were changes (policy/technical).
  - Keen to create a feedback loop to what INZ is working on and what it means to registrars practically.
  - Wants the forum to be a good representation of ideas and to create a feedback loop of what registrars are seeing on the ground.
  - Reminds the forum about the importance of diversity of skills i.e. commercial, technical, etc.
  - Agrees to the quarterly cadence.
- supports a quarterly meeting cadence.

- Keen to see a forum where everyone gets the chance to speak.
  - Wants to see feedback from different angles to ensure the forum covers every aspect of the .nz market.
- the forum as representatives of registrars.

### **InternetNZ:**

- keen for consultation and asked when would the forum consider the right time to get to know about new products?
  - Registrars recommend starting the consultation process early.
  - INZ should use the Registrar Advisory group to test ideas, proposals, consultations, questions in relation to service offerings.
- Update that comms about wholesale fee increases happening 03 April.
- .nz Rule changes are based on new products, international best practices, and InternetNZ obligation to consult on rule changes.
  - Confirms that getting the registrar's knowledge would be helpful especially when it comes to topics like DNS Abuse.
  - Outlined the 1st round for .nz Rules changes will be minor language changes that likely won't require consultation this year and first release copy might be circulated to the Advisory group.
    - Registrar feedback that it is important to consider the actual rule content versus perception and think one change a year or two changes max a year.
    - with the annual rule changes as registrars communicate changes of rules to registrants via a notification with multiple ccTLDs, gTLDs in their portfolio.

### **DNC:**

- Updates on the upcoming registration data quality tool and UA (Universal Acceptance) readiness.
- A review is underway of the Authorisation Agreement and Connection Agreement with refinements to the .nz Rules. Need to provide more clarity around the technical terminology and defined terms.
- The Registrars Summit will be coming up in person in September and that INZ/DNC could hold an in person Advisory Group meeting then.
- Summarised the standing agenda items that the forum would like to see to cover marketing initiatives, issues in the industry, legal developments, governance developments, financial considerations, domain names

growth, renewals and other measurable items, support issues intel sharing, DNC complaints & abuse numbers, .nz Rules - with likely rule changes.

- Noted the quarterly cadence request and to consider filling the last member with a registrar such as DIA for diversity.

### Industry Issues Flagged:

- old UDAI codes with the absence of the Auth-code checker was discussed as some registrars have stored the old auth-codes from the old SRS. InternetNZ has flagged the transfer PDP work at the ICANN level and how transfers work. That might fix that issue but no immediate fix.
- registrar's use of transfer lock (client transfer prohibited EPP Status).

### ACTION ITEMS

Item	Owner	Due date
Set up a Slack Channel for RAG (Registrars Advisory Group) and have anyone not in the Registrar slack channel added.	Ann Ibrahim	16 April 2025
Reach out to DIA regarding joining the Advisory group	Ann Ibrahim	16 April 2025
Draft a standing agenda	Ann Ibrahim	16 April 2025
Send Meeting invites for the year with standing agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast meeting aligns with Registrar Summit 26 Sept 25.</li> <li>• Two Virtual Meetings to follow.</li> </ul>	Ann Ibrahim	06 May 2025
DNC to investigate the UDAI issue	Matt	Actioned 3/4/25 waiting on response

Circulate meeting minutes to Registrars and Advisory group attendees within two weeks	Ann Ibrahim	16 April 2025
Draft update to TOR (Terms of Reference) for circulating to Advisory Group members for comment/feedback	Ann Ibrahim	Mid May to circulate
DNC seeks interest from registrars if interested in filling the remaining place on the Advisory Group, noting, looking for diversity of representation. Once nominations are in, the DNC will send comms of those interested for voting on by registrars.	Ann Ibrahim	16 April 2025

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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*The terms of reference explain why the group was established and what it does.*

*Rationale*

*A Registrar Advisory Group has been set up by InternetNZ as part of its obligations under the Shared Registry System (SRS). The Registrar Advisory Group is chaired by the Domain Name Commissioner (Commissioner). It comprises up to six Registrar representatives, and such InternetNZ and Domain Name Commission Limited (DNCL) staff as may be required. It is intended to represent the collective interests of the Registrar community. Thus it provides a key advisory element in the ongoing monitoring of the market by the DNCL. This group will meet as and when necessary.*

*Roles and Responsibilities*

*The Registrar Advisory Group will:*

- 1. provide input to the Commissioner and InternetNZ on matters affecting the .nz domain name space, including providing advice on their preferred priority work areas*
- 2. act as one point of contact between the authorised registrars and the DNC and InternetNZ*

3. *provide a forum for Registrars to share issues affecting the .nz market and offer possible solutions*
4. *provide input to help resolve technical issues regarding the register, its interfaces and the .nz DNS, and to identify and evaluate possible SRS enhancements and changes*
5. *be consulted as part of any .nz external policy review*
6. *provide input to the DNCL communication strategy regarding .nz domain.*

*The Registrar Advisory Group will meet as required, probably quarterly. It is required to act in a positive, constructive manner.*

*The Registrar Advisory Group, and members, will not:*

- *make any decisions that bind either the Commissioner or InternetNZ given its advisory role.*
- *use the forum to present any personal agenda that doesn't have a wider benefit to the registrar community or .nz environment.*
- *make public statements purporting to represent the .nz position on any matter.*

*Membership*

*The Registrar Advisory Group shall comprise:*

- *up to six Registrar representatives, as elected by Registrars*
- *the DNCL chair*
- *such InternetNZ and DNCL staff as may be required.*