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*Question 1. Should the New Zealand domain name space be extended to allow registration at the second level, for example yourname.nz?*

Yes

*Question 2. Are there any other undertakings that the Domain Name Commission should make while developing/implementing the policy?*

Yes

All possible registrations in .iwi.nz and the other moderated 2LD's should be protected against registrations from those who are not eligible to register in the third level of their respected moderated space.

*Question 3. Should new second level domains be created to cater for particular interest groups, such as .wine.nz or .sport.nz?*

Yes

The current new 2LD policy is (as a former applicant and WG review member) fair, reasonable and works well for the majority. It does not need to be changed for general purposes. However, this is a prime opportunity for InternetNZ and its subsidiary entities to be a responsible corporate citizen and to recognise the laws of the land that protect and enhance the Indigenous Peoples - the Maori. This includes the Treaty of Waitangi and the Maori Language Act. By making the existing 2LD structure available with it's Maori equivalent and by protecting relevant sensitive names will reflect both the Treaty of Waitangi, The Maori Language Act and the fact the Aotearoa/New Zealand is a bicultural and bilingual country.

*Question 4. Should new moderated second level domains be created to cater for domain names that require special protection, such as .bank.nz?*

Yes

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*Question 5. Should the registration of some names such as .com.nz or .govt.nz, be prohibited at the second level to minimise potential confusion? What names, if any, should be prohibited?*

Yes

All of the current moderated 2LD names and the popular American extensions such as .com, .govt etc. .

*Question 6. Do you agree with the rationale for the Sunrise Period that would enable existing .nz domain name holders first chance to register names at the second level? Why?*

Agree

It appears to be the simplest and most fairest method. If we were to suggest anything else it would be a system based on the percentage of 3LD names and the highest percentage has first right of registration/refusal.

*Question 7. Who should be allowed to register a domain name at the second level when there are competing registrations at the third level?*

Who ever has a majority of 3LD names. Uncertain about other scenarios at this stage.

*Question 8. Assuming only persons with a conflicting third level domain name may apply, how should that conflict be resolved? By consent? Or some other mechanism?*

Consent

*Question 9. Should the Domain Name Commission consider extending its Dispute Resolution Service for a limited period to cover particular sub-domains when considering whether a name registered at the second level infringes a complainant's rights?*

Yes

*Question 10. Is the approach as outlined in the proposed amended policy in Appendix C appropriate? Why?*

Yes

The policy could be revised to consider Indigenous/Cultural Rights. This has in the past and will certainly become more popular with a flattening of the .nz.

*Question 11. Are there any other comments you would like to make relating to this consultation?*

No Response