



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Keith Davidson
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Dear Mr Davidson,

This letter sets out our understanding of what we have agreed to do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for our mutual benefit and for the benefit of the local and global internet community.

ICANN:

- a) maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about ccTLD's including .nz, the Delegated country code Top Level Domain, in accordance with ICANN publicly available policies and procedures. The Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers for .nz, contact information for .nz, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified to ICANN;
- b) implements on notification by InternetNZ a change to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for .nz as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for .nz in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures. The initial format and technical requirements for such a change are set out in our publicly available policies and procedures;
- c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about ccTLDs including .nz which shall include at least the names of InternetNZ as the Sponsoring Organization, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for the domain;
- d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and causes the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .nz to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database and to inform the named administrative contact(s) and technical contact(s) of the published changes to the name servers for .nz.



- e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to .nz delegations and records related to those delegations and shall inform InternetNZ of the status of a requested change related to .nz in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and
- f) notifies InternetNZ of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

Nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise, for ICANN .

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Twomey".

Dr Paul Twomey
President and Chief Executive Officer
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Dear Dr Twomey,

InternetNZ is an open membership, incorporated society, established to promote and protect the Internet in New Zealand. It has overall responsibility for the .nz domain name space and is an advocate for the interests of Internet users and domain name registrants in New Zealand and overseas.

As part of these obligations, InternetNZ maintains an operational office, the Domain Name Commission (DNC), which is responsible for the development and enforcement of policies and procedures that govern the shared registry system of the .nz domain name space. InternetNZ also has a subsidiary company, .nz Registry Services (NZRS) which operates the register of domain names and associated network infrastructure. Both the DNC and NZRS have their own governance bodies.

Policies governing the .nz space are developed openly using a published policy development process that includes consultation with the local Internet community. InternetNZ considers it appropriate that the .nz policy framework is developed locally, in keeping with national law.

InternetNZ undertakes to:

- a) generate regular updates of the .nz zone data to keep the information stored up to date
- b) ensure that the authoritative name servers for .nz are operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner, adequate to resolve names within the .nz domain by users throughout the Internet and in compliance with relevant technical standards, subject to and within the limits of relevant national law and national public policy.
- c) notify IANA in a timely manner of any changes to the contact information of our administrative or technical contacts, and any change of the information stored in the IANA database regarding .nz
- d) remain legally established and resident in New Zealand unless it is formally decided otherwise, and then only following dialogue with the New Zealand government. The .nz administrative contact is a representative of InternetNZ and will reside in New Zealand for the entire period he or she is designated as such.

We acknowledge the recent improvement in the IANA function and are keen to see this continue, particularly in the automation of operations and the publication of policies and processes. We consider the IANA function to be the core service that ICANN provides to ccTLDs and acknowledge this by making a financial contribution,

InternetNZ agrees to continue our voluntary contribution to ICANN to cover the cost of operations relating to the ccTLD community. This contribution will be \$USD15,000 in the first year from the date of this letter. We agree to review in good faith on every anniversary of the date of this letter, our contribution to you set out above with a view to agreeing continued contributions by us on an annual basis to your cost of operations. We understand that this review will take into account all relevant circumstances.

We are committed to continuing our work with ICANN and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Keith Davidson', written over the typed name below.

Keith Davidson