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Dear Jamie

Emergency Response to COVID-19

Further to my letter of 26 March 2020 I write to let you know the outcomes from our monitoring of the .nz domain name space in the wake of the global pandemic of COVID-19 and the national state of emergency.

What we have done

From the lock down period and over the past few months we have been verifying every domain we have seen in relation to COVID-19.

We are pleased to say that over 300 domains were followed up and the majority of these domains had valid contact details. We did not see any significant issues in the .nz domain name space.

We took the additional step of transparently reporting every Thursday domain names that had been followed up and published a list of domains.

We published our last list on 28 May 2020, and this will be the final list for the monitoring period as we return to business as usual. The number of COVID-19 themed domain names has dropped off significantly.

We also published two blog posts on our website summarising what we did during the country’s raised alert levels available at https://dnc.org.nz/the-commission/blog

We will keep our COVID-19 information hub published on our website for a period of time to demonstrate our commitment to being transparent in our handling of this issue.

On behalf of the company and the Board,

B. Carey

Brent Carey
Domain Name Commissioner