

INZ Organisational Review

Issues Team submission on revised proposal of 4 September 2017

We want to keep doing good work

The Issues Team remains focused on delivering to InternetNZ's mission of *promoting the Internet's benefits and protecting its potential*.

We are working to deliver the current Activity Plan as approved by Council. During and after the review process, we want to keep building collaborative relationships, and delivering policy work to serve the Internet Community.

We continue to support the latest proposals

We remain supportive of the proposal, and continue to be comfortable with the process. We welcome, and are excited by the opportunity to engage in further collaboration with our colleagues across the group.

In our discussions about the revised proposal we agreed that, apart from reiterating our support for the proposed changes, we wanted to raise some of the questions and comments we have about the proposed separation of .nz policy (to be in INZ) and .nz regulation (to remain with DNC).

.nz policy

The revised proposals separate .nz policy from an independent DNCL. We have had only initial discussions about .nz policy, but thought we would put forward our thoughts to date.

The Issues team, as your resident collection of policy professionals, does not currently have experience with .nz policy. We could easily upskill (learning new areas of policy is a core skill for policy professionals) however we note that this would be very different from our current work as an advocacy, informing and activating team.

As community focussed thought leaders on Internet related policy matters, we have identified a potential risk that our leadership of .nz policy (and thus .nz register interests), could raise perceived or actual conflicts with respect to our broader advocacy and second opinion work.

However, we are not aware of any .nz policy changes or processes scheduled in the remainder of 2017/18 so there are no immediate concerns or issues that require short term decisions on how InternetNZ will staff or support .nz policy matters. We look forward to working with the Chief Executive, and Council on what our role (if any) will be in .nz policy in the future.

Thank you for coming back to staff and the Internet Community with a revised proposal and we look forward to continuing to promote the Internet's benefits, and protect its potential, as part of the new InternetNZ.

Kind regards,

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