

## Subsidiaries

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### Domain Name Commission Limited

The Domain Name Commission Limited (DNC Ltd) has been established as a not-for-profit company by its sole shareholder, InternetNZ. The key objective for the company is the effective stewardship of the .nz domain name space.

#### Background

InternetNZ is responsible for the management of New Zealand (.nz) domain name space. InternetNZ has established a not-for-profit company, DNC Ltd, to generally discharge the Society's responsibilities in the effective stewardship of the .nz domain name space, and in particular:

- the general operation of the .nz domain name space and the contracts that underpin it;
- the authorisation of registrars;
- the development and implementation of .nz policies; and
- international issues and developments as they affect the .nz domain name space.

These responsibilities were undertaken previously by a committee of InternetNZ, the .nz Oversight Committee. A structural review of the Internet Society undertaken in 2006/07 recommended the incorporation of a not-for-profit company under the Companies Act 1993 to manage these responsibilities.

#### Key Activities

The key activities of the Domain Name Commission Ltd in respect of their stewardship of .nz include:

- developing a strategic view of .nz
- establishing the priorities for and supervising the Domain Name Commissioner
- regularly reviewing the robustness of the registrar market and the level of competition between registrars

- establishing standards for performance monitoring of the Domain Name Commissioner, and the registry
- setting a budget for .nz domain name space oversight activities and making a joint recommendation with NZRS Ltd to the InternetNZ Council regarding the level of registry fees following an annual review
- approving operational policy changes relating to the .nz domain name space
- publishing information on the .nz domain name space
- approving the risk management strategy for management of the .nz domain name space (includes disaster recovery planning etc), and
- other responsibilities as delegated by the InternetNZ Council

### Operating Agreement

InternetNZ entered into an Operating Agreement with DNCL to manage and administer the .nz Domain Name Space on its behalf on 1 April 2008. This Agreement is published at <https://internetnz.nz/governance-policies-register>

## **NZRS Ltd**

InternetNZ has granted its subsidiary company, NZRS, the exclusive right to operate and manage the register of domain names and Domain Name System (DNS) in the .nz domain space.

NZRS operates the Shared Registry System (SRS), designed to support a competitive registrar market for domain name registrations. Under the SRS, NZRS deals solely with, and is focused on, supporting the interests of Registrars in terms of access and service. It has no direct relationship or communication with Registrants.

### Operating Agreement

InternetNZ has entered into an Operating Agreement with NZRS. The Agreement was updated on 31 July 2008 and is published at <https://internetnz.nz/governance-policies-register>

In addition, the Domain Name Commission has entered into a Service Level Agreement with NZRS for operation of the .nz domain name register. This Agreement was signed on 8 August 2011 and is published at [http://dnc.org.nz/content/SLA\\_8\\_August\\_2011.pdf](http://dnc.org.nz/content/SLA_8_August_2011.pdf)

Under the Service Level Agreement, DNCL is required to consult with NZRS when setting or amending any policies relating to the .nz domain space. NZRS will consult with DNCL when setting or amending any internal NZRS policies affecting Registrars, SRS or the DNS.

