Management of the .nz domain name space
The .nz Domain Name Space

No legislation covering the .nz domain name space

.nz domain name space operates as a Shared Registry System (SRS)

Authorised registrars have access to the register and full responsibility over their domain names

The SRS is governed by a series of .nz policies and procedures and formal agreements
Who looks after .nz

InternetNZ – delegated responsibility for .nz

.nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) – sub-committee of InternetNZ with oversight of .nz operation

Office of the Domain Name Commissioner (DNC) – an operational office of InternetNZ

NZRS – Subsidiary company of InternetNZ responsible for operating the .nz register
How they fit together.....
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NZOC

Responsibilities include:

Delegated responsibility by InternetNZ Council to have formal oversight of .nz
Approve budget of DNC (funded by management fee charged to NZRS)
Set .nz policy and procedures
Manage the performance of the DNC
Overall responsibility for compliance of registrars, enforcing serious sanctions and ensuring SLA with NZRS met
Office of the DNC

Responsibilities include:

- Authorising registrars
- Monitoring compliance with .nz policies and procedures
- Developing policies and procedures under the oversight of NZOC
DNC responsibilities cont'd

Handling complaints that arise in the operation of the .nz market
Protecting the rights and relationships of all parties in the .nz market
Monitoring the performance of NZRS against the Service Level Agreement (SLA)
Convening a Registrar Advisory Group
Key features of the .nz SRS

Registrant focused

• Transfer at any time for no cost (except during registration grace period)
• Registrars must provide the UDAI to allow transfer
• Full period of registration must be recorded on the register
• Operates on an automatic renewal function
• Restrictions on when a domain name can be cancelled
Registrant focus (contd)

• 90 day pending release period
• Registrars required to register domain name in the name of the party requesting the registration and who will be using it
• Terms and Conditions for registrants must be approved by the DNC
• Prohibits notices to registrants that appear as a renewal notice, or specify particular domain names
Key features contd

Features also for registrars

- Flexibility of one month to 120 month registrations
- Billing period defaults to one month after transaction
- Five day registration and renewal grace periods
- Not required to accept transfers
- Sanctions can be imposed on registrars who breach .nz policies and procedures
- Professional liability insurance taken out to cover the market, incorporates all authorised registrars
Registrars

A list of authorised registrars can be seen at http://www.dnc.org.nz/story/30056-27-1.html

Authorised registrars can display the official logo
SLA with NZRS

Includes performance standards
99.9% system availability
Response times for key transactions
Response times for responding to faults, queries, requests
Reporting requirements
Reported against monthly by NZRS to the DNC
Issues escalated to NZOC by DNC if required