

Honourable David Seymour Minister for Regulation September 26, 2024

Offer of Assistance from Digital Identity New Zealand (DINZ)

Dear Minister

I am writing to introduce you to Digital Identity New Zealand (DINZ) and to offer any help we can to you and your officials.

DINZ is a not-for-profit, membership-funded association of approximately 100 organisations across the public and private sectors, representing a wide variety of industries and individuals. Recognised as the foremost industry voice for digital identity, we are part of the New Zealand Tech Group (NZTech), connecting the digital identity community and seeking to actively influence policy and solutions.

DINZ members help facilitate digital identity and digitisation in sectors such as public-facing government services, open banking, customer & product data, and account opening, which are all underpinned by digital identity in concert with AI, biometrics and cloud computing.

Last month, DINZ representatives met with the Honourable Judith Collins (in her capacity as Minister for Digitising Government), her ministerial advisers and officials from the Department of Internal Affairs, to introduce ourselves and discuss key issues facing our members. These include the Digital Identity Services Trust Framework (DISTF); digital identity and related processes in the Customer Product & Data Bill, open banking, etc; the NZTA app and digital driver's licences; and verifiable credentials and digital wallets.

One of our clear takeaways from a very productive meeting was the appreciation that Minister Collins has an active oversight role across all matters digital related to the portfolios of her ministerial colleagues.

In this context, I wanted you to know that DINZ is also keen to support the work of you and your officials in the digital space. We share a common goal with Government: to make delivery of digital services easier and to help New Zealanders enjoy the tangible benefits of technology without unnecessary delays or red tape.

Should you like further information on how we can help, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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