



Community of Interest Charter between the NZICT Group and New Zealand Health IT Cluster

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- 1. New Zealand Health IT Cluster and NZICT hereby establish a charter to collaborate to develop opportunities for the respective organisations to work together. As part of this charter the New Zealand Health IT Cluster will be described as an “NZICT Community of Interest”.**

The intent of this charter is to enable both organisations to meet the objective of their respective constitutions, while identifying common areas of interest and development, which may lead to a mutual programme of activity.

- 2. The term of this agreement will be from 1 December 2009 and will be reviewed on a six monthly basis at a meeting between representatives of both organisations to measure success and discuss potential new areas of opportunity.**

3. Purpose & Objectives

The purpose of the charter is to work together to develop the ICT industry and its participants, with the goal to leverage quality ICT to grow the ICT industry and increase New Zealand’s global competitiveness.

The objectives of the charter are to:

- Create new opportunities for our respective members to collaborate at joint Members’ meetings and other purpose created events.
- Provide an opportunity for the New Zealand Health IT Cluster and its Members to provide input into the NZICT industry policy platform, including the identification of new areas for development.
- Provide an opportunity for NZICT to consult with New Zealand Health IT Cluster in its policy development, including the areas of innovation, the economic and regulatory environment, capability and willingness to embrace, and reputation.
- Provide the basis for ongoing dialogue for developing other mutual opportunities including sponsorship, programmes of work and promotions.

4. Organisation

- NZICT will assign one of its board members, to be responsible for liaison with the New Zealand Health IT Cluster Executive, in conjunction with the CEO.
- A representative of New Zealand Health IT Cluster will be invited annually to attend a NZICT Board meeting.
- The term NZICT Community of Interest may be used by the New Zealand Health IT Cluster in its marketing and promotional activity; and NZICT may also refer to the New Zealand Health IT Cluster's status in its corresponding activity.

5. Operation

- NZICT may hold joint Members meetings with New Zealand Health IT Cluster and costs will be jointly shared, and/or NZICT will invite New Zealand Health IT Cluster Members to attend the NZICT Member events on an agreed charging arrangement. Attendance records will be maintained to measure the level of engagement and interest.
- Both organisations continue to reserve their right to develop their own policy positions on relevant issues, but where possible will endeavour to consult with each other to develop an agreed industry position. This would include sharing draft submissions in advance to encourage collaboration and identify common areas of interest or different perspectives.
- Both organisations will endeavour to jointly publicise their activities on their respective web-site and in their newsletters.