



The New Zealand Health IT Cluster Limited

Annual Report

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The New Zealand Health IT Cluster Incorporated Society established this wholly-owned subsidiary Company to contract and manage significant collaborative Cluster projects.

Company No:

1652251

Incorporated:

29 June 2005

Directors:

Malcolm Pollock (Chair until 31 July 2009)
Gavin Wright (Chair from 31 July 2009)
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The principle activity of the limited liability company in 2009 has been the engagement between the Cluster facilitated engagement between the Ministry of Health and health ICT industry for Connected Health.

This work has seen the development of the technical specifications for the networks, and network to network interfaces that will form part of the future Connected Health environment. Importantly this work has been developed in conjunction with the Standards Working Group and the Connected Health Industry Forum – both facilitated by the Cluster.

We successfully concluded negotiations with the Ministry of Health to conclude this important work into the 2010 financial year.

While the parent organisation went through considerable change during the year, we determined the requirement for the limited liability company is no longer warranted.

The Cluster will continue to facilitate collaborative projects and will continue to support the Connected Health project in particular to ensure there is broad industry support for the technical specifications and other aspects of that project. That activity however will from 2010 be done under the main parent company structure.



Gavin Wright
Chair

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Cluster's contract with the Ministry of Health to facilitate industry input and support for aspects of the Connected Health project was renewed in 2009.


This enabled a number of meetings and activities to take place to support the development of network, and network to network technical specifications, and other aspects of the project.

This work is now advanced and we have further extended the contract for the 2010 financial year to allow the finalisation and industry agreement of the technical specifications and the approval of those documents by the Health Information Standards Governance Body (replacing the former HISO).

We have continued to receive positive feedback from forum members and the Ministry of Health about the importance of having the Cluster facilitating industry feedback to the Connected Health project.

I would also like to record our gratitude to the very many individuals and organisations who have worked with us to provide feedback and input to the work of the Connected Health project. Such engagement is much more likely to produce a robust and workable solution in an area of significant importance to the New Zealand Health System.

During 2009 the Cluster determined that the use of the limited liability company for such activities imposed a level of complexity and cost which was not warranted. Accordingly we will maintain the company entity but not trade through it beyond 2009.



Dougal McKechnie
Managing Director