

Submission on discussion document: *Publication of Directors' Residential Addresses on the Companies Register*

Your name and organisation

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Please select if your submission contains confidential information:

I would like my submission (or specified parts of my submission) to be kept confidential, and attach my reasons for this for consideration by MBIE.

Responses to discussion document questions

1	Do you have any comments of our assessment of the options for approaching directors' residential addresses on the Companies Register?
2	What is your preferred option? Remove all information about home addresses for all except Govt departments.
3	Are there interested parties who may have a legitimate reason to need to access directors' residential addresses? If so, who? Lawyers, accountants
4	Is there a public interest in directors' residential addresses being provided to third parties such as journalists? No. If they want an interview, they can arrange for it through legal or workplace channels.
5	Under what circumstances should directors' residential addresses be released to an interested party? If prior approval is obtained from the director.
6	Do you agree that government departments and agencies should have automatic access to directors' residential addresses? Yes

7 Should this access be limited to the enforcement of law or are there other situations where it may be appropriate for government departments and agencies to have access to directors' residential addresses?

Yes, they should have access to residential addresses. However, if they use the information inappropriately, there should be some form of checking mechanism to see who reviewed it.

8 Are there other factors which you think should be included in considering approaches to directors' residential addresses in historic documents?

No

9 Do you agree with our preferred approach to historic documents on the companies register?

If the historic company address is not the same as the current address.

10 Have you encountered situations where you consider that members of the public have abused this provision? If so, please provide details.

I am a co-director for a security company that assists with legitimate aerial distribution of 1080 to control pests and TB. My address (obtained from the Companies Commission website) was listed on an anti-1080 webpage as a location for protestor information. I was visited by Police who placed me and my family on a 'high risk' list to be urgently attended to if an emergency call came from my address.

11 Do you agree that shareholders' residential addresses should be treated the same way as directors' residential addresses (i.e. replaced with an address for service)?

Yes

12 Are there circumstances where third parties might have a legitimate interest in the residential address of a shareholder?

No

13 Do you think any changes need to be made to the residential address requirements for officers of other types of entities?

Other comments