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Hi

I am the sole director of a small company and for a while now it has bothered me that its okay to say to Facebook, Google or Microsoft that my personal details should not be shared with anyone and everyone but fine for these same details to be recorded in the companies register for anyone to find if they care to do a simple internet search. At one point I tried to change my address to my accountant's address but was told by them that this is not possible although this change was made for the company's shareholders. This anomaly creates a real privacy issue for directors and their families. I understand the need for companies to be transparent and that individuals should not be allowed to hide behind entities that are trading or conducting themselves in dubious ways, but at some point directors need to have the same rights to privacy as any other individual who isn't a director.

My suggestion would be to make the contact details of the company's NZ based lawyer or accountant available in the register whilst still holding, out of view, the director's details. Police, the Serious Fraud Office and other parties of a similar nature would have unhindered access to this information. A member of the public who wished to correspond with the director could then make contact with the lawyer or accountant who could act as an intermediary in the matter. To protect the public interest, if a director attempted to hide behind these lawyers and accountants, an application under the Official Information Act could be made to the courts to provide the director's contact details to the applicant. By then anyone making the application would be well and truly in the public domain and could not themselves hide behind the anonymity of the internet as they currently can.

Thanks for considering this submission

Regards
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