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From: David Shanks [Redacted]@classificationoffice.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 9:17 AM
To: Julie Inman Grant
Subject: RE: Blocking list of domains hosting Christchurch videos [SEC-UNCLASSIFIED]
[DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Julie,

You are very welcome. I think international discussions like these are going to be vital.

I don't know if [Redacted] have checked on whether the URL's are hosting in other jurisdictions, sorry. Hopefully I will have a fix on that following our round table.

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I couldn't agree more!

Thanks.

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From: Julie Inman Grant [mailto:[Redacted]eSafety.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 9:29 AM
To: David Shanks [Redacted]@classificationoffice.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Blocking list of domains hosting Christchurch videos [SEC-UNCLASSIFIED] [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Let's keep in touch on this - I do think there is a lot we can learn from each other and I'm sure the ISPs are communicating across the Pond and I suspect will arrive at the same conclusions around unblocking. [REDACTED]

All the best David,

Julie

-----Original Message-----

From: David Shanks [REDACTED]@classificationoffice.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2019 7:01 AM

To: Julie Inman Grant <[REDACTED]@eSafety.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Blocking list of domains hosting Christchurch videos [SEC-UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora Julie,

Great to hear from you and no worries about the email thing - I am very familiar with the 'but I replied in my head..!' syndrome.

The Christchurch atrocity has been a horrible blow, certainly, but there have been many aspects of our national response that provides real solace, and cause for hope.

In terms of my Office's role, there has been various dimensions to this but a central function has been calling in and classifying the 'livestream video' and (so-called) 'manifesto' - we have compiled our decisions, guidance, FAQ's etc here: <https://www.classificationoffice.govt.nz/news/latest-news/christchurch-attacks-press-releases/>

The decisions have supported our local ISP's with the (positive and bold) moves they made to block domains hosting this material. We weren't directly engaging with the ISP's through this phase, this was being led by our Department of Internal Affairs Digital Safety Unit. [REDACTED] at Netsafe has also been engaged in a significant 'call out' process to ask known sites to take down the video/manifesto etc. As you can imagine, the responses are mixed..

I think it fair to say that the current position is difficult and unclear, pretty much as you indicate things stand in Australia (and doubtless other jurisdictions). Possession/publication of the livestream video or manifesto is now an offence in NZ - but I think DIA would be unlikely to take enforcement action against ISP's for breaches (in the same way that they are not normally liable for child sexual abuse material that may be accessed via their networks). I don't have a clear advice framework for you on this issue, as we are still needing to work that through. DIA is currently organising a round table with ISP leads, themselves, ourselves, Netsafe and some other key agencies, to work this through.

After that meeting we might have more of a framework to discuss with you? In the interim, I would be happy to connect you to [REDACTED] (Head of the Digital Safety Unit)?

Thanks Julie. Lots to sort out here. In the meantime, I would like to take the chance to have a chat sometime about the thinking around the 'Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material' legislation, which I have printed off and which I am looking forward to reading!

Ngā mihi,
David

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From: Julie Inman Grant [mailto: [REDACTED]@eSafety.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2019 10:30 PM
To: David Shanks [REDACTED]@classificationoffice.govt.nz>
Subject: Blocking list of domains hosting Christchurch videos [SEC-UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey David - As I was searching for your email address in my inbox, I was very embarrassed to see that you sent me an earlier email on your porn research launch and that I did not reply (I replied in my mind and saw some incredible press you received but I'm sorry I didn't respond in reality!).

I also want to express my sincere condolences for what you and your countrymen and women have experienced in the atrocity that is Christchurch. But, I believe the thoughtful and dignified response of your PM and Government in the face of such horror has earned the admiration of the rest of the world...and put many of us in a bit of a tail spin.

I was in the US when this transpired and we do not have powers to notify the telcos or the ISPs when a catastrophic online event like this happens. As you probably know, we recently passed legislation which requires us to notify content service providers when we come across live links but still don't have the power to notify ISPs.

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[REDACTED] I'm hoping I can learn from you and this might be able to guide my thinking in this area.

Many thanks, in advance.

Julie

Sent from my iPhone

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