



Minutes – A–NZ Service Provider Forum

Date held: 3 March 2026

The minutes below do not repeat written messages provided in the pre reading papers and record only additional information discussed during the meeting.

Item number 1 – Welcome

- The Chair, NZ delegate and AU Chair welcomed attendees.
- The previous meeting's minutes were endorsed.

Item number 2 – Highlight key issues from meeting papers

Peppol Authority Updates

- Local Network Update
 - Accredited service providers
 - Australia welcomed Lenora Soft Technologies Limited and Cygnet Infotech Private Limited
 - New Zealand has no new SPs.
- Invoices
 - NZ delegate: congratulated the Australian elnvoicing team for increase in volumes and number of active users in the world, with Australia a leader among Peppol countries regarding active users and adoption. NZ was doing well however acknowledging challenges in Europe for local government agency uptake.
 - AU delegate: encouraging to see the numbers and provided kudos back to NZ.
- Community Engagement
 - NZ delegate: socialisation of the onboarding mandate during Community of Practice events and elnvoicing champions have made a positive impact.
 - Challenges across the network include standardisation (amongst other things). Noting specific billing cases for utilities and energy, the NZPA intends to establish an invoice working group in the next month to address these and other concerns.
 - Member comment: suggested to learn more about the type of attendees needed for the working group and encouraged NZ to work with DSPANZ.
 - NZ delegate: held Community of Practice events (5 webinars), with 810 attendees in total across, cross section SMEs and large government suppliers.

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Specification and Guidance Updates



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- A-NZ BIS Billing & Self-Billing
 - The A-NZ BIS Billing & Self-Billing document types will be removed from the Peppol document type code list from 31 March 2026. After this date A-NZ BIS Billing & Self-Billing messages will not be valid for transmission on the Peppol network.
 - Member comment: request to confirm A-NZ BIS-Billing receive capabilities need to be removed from SMPs, was advised that these entries do need to be removed.
 - A-NZ Guidance Notes have been converted to markdown for easier consumption, with no changes to content – <https://a-nz-peppol.github.io/Guidance-documents/>.
- CNAME to NAPTR Migration
 - Migration has been completed with no interoperability issues reported. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Migration
 - G3 certificates will start to issue this week. Reminder to attach G3 testbed results when submitting application.
 - Requests for G3 certificates can be made via the [OpenPeppol Service Desk](#) (instructions [available here](#)).
 - The Australian & New Zealand Peppol Authorities strongly urge all Service Providers to act now to ensure they can obtain and deploy G3 production certificates before the 1 Apr 2026 deadline.
 - Eight service providers are currently non-compliant – 4 service providers did not complete the SMP test suite, as messaging was not understood. Messaging to come out from OpenPeppol to complete testing to meet compliance.
 - Full details of the changes are provided in [OpenPeppol's PKI 2025 Migration Plan](#).
- SML Migration
 - Result in new URLs for Access Point lookups and SMP web services.
 - Member review of the SML Migration plan closes tomorrow.
 - Member comment: OpenPeppol needs to be better at providing changes to Service Providers.
 - NZ Delegate: advised the commission had indicated they will withdraw support, not communicated until December 2025. NZ delegate to follow up at the next Managing Committee.
- For Discussion
 - Member comment: Understand the options as anticipates will encounter the situation in Belgium B2B. Preferred option 1.

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- AU Delegate: SMP scraping last year did not find any redirect records in AU SMPs so it is uncommon. Concern is that ACL services may not have implemented support for SMP redirect.
- Member comment: Critical Infrastructure Working Group (CIWG) working on an alternative. Problem is both options create a dependency with another Service Providers, which is undesirable. CIWG proposing changes following the retirement of CNAME DNS records to allow multiple SMPs in the SML NAPTR record.
 - AU Delegate: Agreed that the dependency on another Service Provider makes both existing options suboptimal. While the changes described address obvious downsides with currently available patterns the purpose of the discussion is to determine the best option in today's environment.
- Member comment: there are a lot of questions across the network, so detailed requirements in resource material would be useful.
 - AU delegate: Peppol Authority will not dictate design patterns for Service Providers. Both options utilise mandatory capabilities now – the issue is whether there are gaps in support for the mandatory capabilities because they are uncommon patterns. This is similar to SMP services that don't support wild card in Europe. Wildcard is mandatory but because PINT has not been implemented in Europe, wildcard support has not been needed and has not caused interoperability issues.
- AU delegate:
 - sought feedback based on support for what are mandatory.
 - send any issues with implementation or feedback to einvoicing@ato.gov.au. Off-line discussions are available as required.

Open Peppol Activities

- Managing Committee update
 - Work on the security roadmap is progressing well, with approval by the Managing Committee (MC) scheduled for its March 2026 meeting.
 - Upcoming work for Open Peppol includes governance and leadership arrangements, to take us from startup to operating as a creditable global network.
 - Mandate for a Working Group in discussion, with compensation for Peppol member employers, employee participation and volunteering in the MC to be determined.
 - Annual report to be reviewed, focusing on achievements and business plan for FY2025/26 (top priority in next 12 months). The documents will be distributed before the general assembly and NZ delegate requested members provide feedback.
- Peppol Security Committee update from Rick Harvey
 - MC recognized security components and ISO 27001 policy to come out.
 - A professional cyber security consultant has been engaged and will be auditing security, which could result in a policy being delivered outlining requirement principles.

Item number 3 – Service Provider questions/discussion

No member comments

Item number 4 – Other Business

- Next Meeting – 26 May 2026.
 - Thank you and wrap up. Meeting closed at 11:54am AEDT / 1:54pm NZDT.
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