

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR LABORATORIES (ISL) Consultation - Second consultation phase

Nick Paterson, Chief Executive, Drug Free Sport New Zealand (New Zealand)  
NADO - NADO

---

## PART TWO: LABORATORY ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATING STANDARDS

### 4.0 Process and Requirements for WADA Laboratory Accreditation

#### 4.4 Maintaining WADA Accreditation

##### **4.4.1 Payment of Host Country's Annual Financial Contribution to WADA**

DFSNZ strongly opposes the requirement for a laboratory's host country to pay its annual financial contribution to WADA in a timely manner, in order to maintain its WADA accreditation status.

Laboratories (and their employees) should be independent from and not be beholden to the government to maintain its operations.

Furthermore, while this may not present any issues for ADOs based in Europe, for example, where there is a range of laboratories. However, as a NADO in a remote location, our nearest laboratory is in Sydney, Australia. If the Sydney laboratory was to lose its accreditation status for reasons entirely unrelated to quality of the laboratory's work, it would severely impact our testing programme and the financial cost to recover and maintain our testing programme (using another lab) would be significant and logistically very challenging.