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Ms Jo Lim
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Dear Ms Lim

The Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the June 2010 Draft Recommendations of the Australian Domain Name Administrator (auDA) New 2LDs Advisory Panel in respect of second level domains (2LD).

The LIV's comments in relation to each Draft Recommendation are set out below, adopting the same numbering as in the Draft Recommendations paper issued by the auDA New 2LDs Advisory Panel (Panel).

Draft Recommendation 1

That auDA amend its new 2LDs process to give the evaluating Panel the discretion to conduct its own research with respect to new 2LD proposals.

The LIV has no objection to this recommendation. The LIV considers that it is a matter for auDA to determine whether or not it ought to conduct its own research with respect to the new 2LD proposals.

Draft Recommendation 2A

That the proposal for blog.au should not be accepted by auDA at this time.

The LIV agrees with this recommendation for the reasons set out in our submission dated 24 May 2010 (First Submission). A copy of the LIV's First Submission is attached for your ease of reference.

Draft Recommendation 2B

That the proposal for event.au should not be accepted by auDA at this time.

The LIV agrees with this recommendation for the reasons set out in its First Submission.

Draft Recommendation 2C

That conf.au should not be reactivated by auDA.

The LIV agrees with this recommendation for the reasons set out in our First Submission. Also, the LIV notes that linux.conf.au is in use, and has no objection to the grandfathering of that domain name.

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Draft Recommendation 2D

That info.au should not be reactivated by auDA.

The LIV agrees with this recommendation for the reasons set out in our First Submission.

If you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me or Karen Cheng, LIV Property and Environmental Law Section Lawyer, on ph 9607 9522.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Stevens', written in a cursive style.

Steven Stevens
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