

# **Statement**

# auDA statement on consent for Change of Control

## 1 April 2021

On 23 January 2021 (AEDT), Donuts Inc. announced proposed changes to the shareholding of the ultimate holding company of the .au Registry Operator, Afilias Australia Pty Ltd (**Afilias**). This notification follows Donuts Inc.'s recent acquisition of Afilias Inc., which was informed by a separate due diligence process.

Under the Registry Licence Agreement between auDA and Afilias, any Change of Control of the Registry Operator requires the written consent of auDA.

Following a formal due diligence process to inform its decision regarding consent, the auDA Board has approved the Change of Control based on the results of the due diligence process.

auDA looks forward to continuing to work productively with Afilias and its parent company, Donuts Inc.

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### **About auDA:**

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is a not-for-profit organisation that works with a range of stakeholders including industry, government and the Australian and International community to develop the rules for and administer the .au country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD). The .au ccTLD is a key to part of Australia's digital infrastructure, and auDA is endorsed by the Australian Government, and has an agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), to ensure that the .au domain namespace is a secure, reliable and trusted Australian public asset for all Internet users.