



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communications, Sport and the Arts**

Mr Matt Healy
Chair
.au Licensing Rules Review Panel
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Dear Mr Healy

Submission to the .au Licensing Rules review consultation

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the Department) submits the following comments in relation to the draft report of the .au Domain Administration's (auDA's) review of the au Licensing Rules.

The Department is the Australian Government's lead agency on Internet governance matters, and manages the Government's relationship with auDA as manager of the .au domain. The Department welcomes auDA's review of the .au Licensing Rules. The .au domain is an important public resource for Australians and it is essential that policy-setting for .au is based in transparent multistakeholder processes, in line with the Australian Government's Terms of Endorsement for auDA's role as the .au manager.

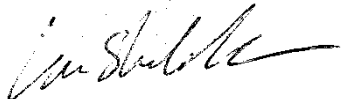
We are supportive of auDA's transparent and open review process, and its consideration of a broad range of issues that may impact .au domain holders. We are also pleased to see the extensive consultation the Licensing Review Panel is undertaking throughout the review process. It is important to us that policy processes for .au, such as this review, take into consideration the full range of stakeholder views at each stage.

We are pleased to see the recommendations address issues that are important to Australians. In particular, we welcome the panel's recommendation that auDA work with the National Anti-Scam Centre to develop an approach to scam identification and mitigation. Supporting trust and confidence in .au is a core principle in the Australian Government's Terms of Endorsement for auDA as the .au domain manager. We encourage auDA to continue working with the Australian Government to ensure .au remains a safe and trusted domain namespace for Australian consumers.

auDA continues to play an important role in safeguarding .au as a critical resource for all Australians. We look forward to seeing the final outcome of this review, and continuing to work constructively with auDA as it implements the review's recommendations.

The Department consents to the publication of this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Sheldon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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