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The auDA has rules and policies for .com.au and .au domains and in my opinion, has failed many times in enforcing these rules to registrants who have for years cheated the system.

From my own personal experience with the auDA in certain circumstances with certain .com.au and .au domain names, it was found that the registrant held a .com.au or .au domain name that quite evidentially did not under any circumstances meet any of the auDA policies. No matter the age of the .com.au or .au domain name, when it is discovered that a registrant held that domain name that went against the auDA policies to hold it, that domain name needs to be put back on the public register and available to be registered right from scratch as per auDA rules. Instead, the auDA chooses to allow the registrant to keep the .com.au or .au domain names because it then, in that instance is meeting the criteria to be held.

It is like saying I will steal and when and if I am caught, I will pay for the item and be done with it. No repercussions. What is the point in having a set of requirements for a .com.au or a .au domain name, when I can steal and only pay if I get caught. Makes no sense at all and in certain circumstances the actual response from the auDA was just childish and utterly absurd.

Now hang on a minute. The .com.au or .au domain name was held without meeting any of the auDA policies to begin with by the registrant. Now, that it has been discovered that the registrant cheated the system to get the .com.au or .au domain name, why are you rewarding them to keep that .com.au or .au domain name? And that giving them the actually policy number identifier that points to the reason they can hold it.

Makes ZERO sense. The auDA with all it's wisdom actually does have major flaws internally and is not in my opinion fixing them. They are passing the buck by allowing people to hold onto .com.au or .au domain names for nothing more that convenience on their part.

The auDA seems to have one set of rules for the public and another set of rules for its representatives or internal auditors that when they feel like it declare a .com.au or .au domain to a registrant under a completely flawed set of acceptable circumstances.

I am pretty sure this has happened to so many people and the auDA is fully aware of it and turns a blind eye, so they don't have to deal with it. So much for policies and procedures.

I would like you to post this.

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