Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Tuesday 18 August 2026, 9 to 10am AEST	
Location	Teams Meeting	
Present	Matt Healy, Panel Chair Ross Creelman, Panel Member (vc) Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Ian Kelly, Panel Member Anthony Peake, Panel Member	Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec (vc) Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec
Apologies	Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member (vc)	

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land he was on, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and custodians of all the other lands.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noting that Selvi Kannan had given her apologies for the meeting but had emailed her proxy. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution, noting that it had been a larger commitment than expected due to the complexity and multi stakeholder process.

The Chair reflected that of the ten recommendations, the Panel was in agreement on nine but there were different opinions on how allocation should be dealt with and that agreement had not been able to be reached on that. The Chair noted that the Process for the Development and Review of auDA Policies allows for a minority view and that the Report sets out the positions very well. The Chair confirmed that next step was to provide The Final Report to the auDA Board for consideration and for auDA Management to consider implementation.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Panel noted the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 20 July 2026.

4. Final Report

The Chair noted that the majority of the report hadn't change since the draft circulated on 4 August 2026 other than incorporating minor feedback from Niluka Welungoda and Ian Kelly. However it now also included the minority report on recommendation two drafted by Erhan Karabardak setting out the view of the minority position:

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Panel recommends deleting subparagraph (f) from section 2.4.4 (2) of the .au Licensing Rules. Noting that a minority of the Panel opposed that position and instead supported the option to maintain the status quo.

The Chair called for a Panel Member to move and second the approval of the Final Report.

Ian Kelly moved.
Ross Creelman seconded.

In favour: Ian Kelly, Ross Creelman, Niluka Welungoda, Erhan Karabardak, Matt Healy, Selvi Kannan (via proxy).

Against: Anthony Peake

Report approved by Consensus (defined as at least two thirds of the Panel).

The Chair noted that he would now send a copy of the Final Report to the auDA Independent Chairperson for the Board to consider at its 27 August 2026 meeting.

5. Other Business

The Panel discussed the review process and opportunities for improvements for the next Licensing Rules Policy Review process.

Action: Survey Panel Members on the Licensing Rules Policy Review process and opportunities for improvement. [Sonia Joksimovik, Co Sec Sept 2026]

The Panel thanked the Secretariat for their support.

6. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 10am

Signed as a true and correct record

Matt Healy
Chair
Date: