

Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 19 November 2025, 1 to 3pm AEDT	
Location	Level 19, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne and Teams Meeting	
Present	Matt Healy, Panel Chair Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member Ian Kelly, Panel Member Anthony Peake, Panel Member Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member	Ross Creelman, Panel Member Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Barbara Schade, SCPO Observer Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec
Apologies	Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec	

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land he was on, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and the lands other attendees were joining from Gadigal People of the Eora Nation and the Ngunnawal people and paid respects to elders past and present.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that all Panel Members were in attendance and that a presentation on Policy development would be included at item 4.

3. Consultation

3.1 Consultation Update

The Chair confirmed the panel wasn't able to join the planned ACCI events in Darwin, Perth and Brisbane due to timing issues.

Panel Members reported on the following engagements since the October meeting:

- auDA Registrar Summit which provided an opportunity to talk about the work of the panel, meet Registrars and discuss issues related to .au Direct contested domains, alignment of rules and monetisation of sites.
- Meeting in Darwin, NT with the advisor to the Hon Joshua Burgoyne, representatives from the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group and the Head of Telstra's First Nations Strategy & Engagement. Discussion focussed on gaps in the Rules that don't support vulnerable people eg the 90 day rule disadvantages remote Indigenous groups that shut down during the wet season if their domain name expiry is during the shutdown period, not adding to the administrative burden on



indigenous business and approach to indigenous matters in other jurisdictions eg NZ.

- auDA's monthly meeting with portfolio investors to provide an overview of the work of the Panel. The Chair suggested Panel attendance become a standing agenda item for the domain portfolio investor meetings for the duration of the review.

Action: Circulate the Stakeholder minutes template for use by Panel members at each engagement. [Co Sec (LB), Nov 2025]

Action: Publish an activities list on the auDA website and reference inclusion in the Panel Minutes. [SCPO, ongoing]

3.2 Proposed Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Schedule

The Chair noted that the plan was to schedule online engagements for the remainder of 2025 then begin in person engagements commencing end of January 2026 and that a lead time of two to four weeks was required to promote activities. auDA confirmed that there would be a series of LRR events in various states in late February / March 2026.

The following dates were confirmed for member webinar consultations:

- 27 November 2025 – introduction to the Panel
- 11 December 2025 – key issues.

The Panel discussed the value of having a separate URL for Panel matters and a shorter email for feedback.

The Panel discussed how to manage submissions including emails and agreed on a process whereby submissions would be tabled at Panel meetings and reviewed, then published on the Panel's webpage. The Panel acknowledged that auDA was responsible for the content it published on its website, including the Panel's webpage. It was agreed auDA would review submissions and provide advice to the Panel if auDA had concerns about the content eg it was offensive or defamatory and therefore not able to be published.

Action: Include Submissions as a standing item on future Panel meeting agendas. [Co Sec, Dec 2025]

Action: Schedule an online meeting with auDA staff from across the organisation to seek views on the application of the Rules. [Co Sec (SJ), Dec 2025]

Action: Liaise with auDA to include a standing item on the monthly portfolio investor agenda and publicise on the auDA website and by email. [MH, Nov 2025]

Action: Create an alias for the feedback email. [SCO, Nov 2025]

Action: Invite Identity Digital to present their Registrar Summit presentation on How Domain Names are being used. [CSPO, Nov 2025]



3.3 Registrar Summit Consultation Introduction Pack

The Panel noted the Registrar Summit Consultation Introduction Pack.

4. Discussion / analysis of issues

The Chair invited Barbara Schade, auDA SCPO, to present on the principles of policy development, based on auDA's Process for the Development and Review of auDA Published Policies.

The Panel discussed the following matters:

- Allocation Rule, noting that it was unique to Australia and the basis of many complaints and had the potential to impact innovation. The Panel noted that the allocation rule did not apply to .au Direct.
- The Eligibility Rule, noting that it supported trust in the .au.

Action: Schedule an information session on the Allocation Rule 11am Tuesday 25 October.

5. Draft Report Plan

Not discussed.

6. Report to the Board

The Chair noted that he would provide a report on the Panel's progress at the next auDA Board meeting on 4 December 2025.

Action: Provide the LRRP Board Report Template to the Panel Chair. [Co sec, November 2025]

7. Next LRRP Meeting Date

The Panel confirmed the next meeting of the Licensing Rules Review Panel for 3pm on Tuesday 9 December 2025.

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 22 October 2025 Panel Meeting.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.



10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 3:15pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Matt Healy

Chair

Date: