

# Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 21 January 2026, 1 to 5pm 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 Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Shilpa Singh, Panel Support	Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Barbara Schade, Licensing SME Daniel Young, auDA (6) Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec
Apologies	Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member Ross Creelman, Panel Member	

## 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 and paid respects to elders past and present.

## 2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that Ross Creelman and Niluka Welungoda had given their apologies, Erhan Karabardak was joining online and all other Panel Members were in attendance in person.

## 3. Consultation

### 3.1 Consultation Update

The Chair confirmed that an external party (ThinkPlace) had been engaged to facilitate the upcoming consultations, which would better enable the Panel, particularly the Chair, to focus on the feedback from participants. The Chair confirmed he would attend all consultations, with at least one or two others and an auDA content matter expert and other Panel members could join if they were able but this may be influenced by geographic location of the consultations. The Panel confirmed the importance of the Panel having a strong presence at the in person events. The Chair should introduce each session so it is clear that it is a Panel event, and attendance by Panel members would give participants the opportunity to have conversations and pass on feedback directly.



The Panel noted all consultations are documented and that if feedback is provided directly to a Panel member and not provided as a submission then that information would be captured at the next Panel meeting

**Action:** Brief the external facilitator prior to the next consultation and touch base with the facilitator between consultations to discuss and provide input for the next consultation. [All Panel Members, Feb 2026]

**Action:** The Chair will introduce the Facilitators and Panel Members in attendance at each Consultation and publicise the LRRP Submission email address. [February 2026]

### 3.2 Upcoming Consultations

The Panel noted the upcoming consultations in:

- Canberra – 25 February
- Sydney – 19 March
- Brisbane – 23 March
- Melbourne – 25 March.

The Panel noted that an email will go out to stakeholders publicising the consultations.

### 4. Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

The Panel noted the Stakeholder Meeting Minutes of the consultation held with auDA staff on 2 December and discussed at the December 2025 Panel meeting.

### 5. Submissions

The Panel noted the four submissions received since the last meeting. The submissions raised issues related to:

- Contested name spaces, the results of the auDA survey and opposition to option allocating contested domain names to the applicant with the earlier registration name and support for the current process of managing contested names
- Removing domain name monetisation eligibility for the .au Domain Licensing rules
- Use of acronyms in domain names
- Privacy issues related to the WHOIS database.

[Submissions available here.](#)

**Action:** auDA provide the survey results of satisfaction with outcome of the complaints process, if possible. [auDA, April 2026]



## **6. Domain Name Data**

Daniel Young, auDA, joined the meeting to present on auDA's Domain Name Data, provided monthly to Registrars.

## **7. Review Timeline**

Noted.

## **8. Discussion / analysis of issues**

The Panel discussed the following matters:

- Alternative dispute resolution options
- Allocation rule, first come basis and no hierarchy of rights, IP and trademarks
- Monetisation, the investor market, pathways to registration, changing business models and advertising
- 90 day renewal requirement
- International comparisons
- Opportunities to increase trust in the system

## **9. Draft Recommendations**

To be considered after the next round of consultations.

## **10. Next Steps and Meeting Dates**

The Panel agreed the next meeting dates:

- Wednesday 4 March, 10am to 12pm – online
- Wednesday 8 April, 10am to 2pm – in person.

## **11. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Actions**

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 9 December 2025 Panel Meeting and Actions.

## **12. Other Business**

There was no other business.



### **13. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 5pm

Signed as a true and correct record

**Matt Healy**

Chair

Date: