

# Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 4 March 2026, 10 to 12Midday AEDT	
Location	Level 19, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne and Teams Meeting	
Present	Matt Healy, Panel Chair Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member Anthony Peake, Panel Member Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member Shilpa Singh, Panel Support	Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Sharon Copeland-Smith, auDA COO Barbara Schade, Licensing SME Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec
Apologies	Ross Creelman, Panel Member Ian Kelly, 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, noting they had never been ceded, 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 Ian Kelly and Ross Creelman were apologies for the meeting.

## 3. Consultation

### 3.1 Consultation Update

The Panel discussed the recent consultation held in person in Canberra on 25 February and online on 2 and 3 March. The Panel agreed there were different levels of understanding of the rules amongst participants and noted auDA's comments around trying to address this by responding in the consultations. The Panel Chair noted that the issues paper published at the beginning of the review was an attempt to explain the rules and issues but there is an opportunity for the facilitators to draw out participant views, understanding and expectations of the rules particularly around allocation, monetisation, legitimate use and fairness.

### 3.2 Upcoming Consultations include:

The Panel noted the upcoming consultations:



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

#### **4. Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**

The Committee noted that the Stakeholder Minutes from 25 February are pending and would be uploaded to the auDA website when available.

#### **5. Submissions**

The Panel noted the nine submissions received since the last meeting. The Committee noted that the one submission was particularly detailed and included analysis of issues and a pathway to rule changes. The Committee noted that many of the issues dealt with by the rules are complex areas of policy and regulation which can give rise to confusion on how they apply and that stakeholders are often approaching them from different places. This will be highlighted in the Panel's report.

The Panel discussed the information on the auDA website about [Licensing Rules Policies](#) and which ones apply and are in scope for the review. The Panel noted that 31 policies were condensed in 2021 and some are subject to sunset clauses that lapse in April 2026. The Panel noted auDA's advice that policy harmonisation would form part of the implementation for new rules arising from the Review.

- [Submissions available here.](#)

**Action:** auDA to provide the Panel with confirmation of the policies in scope for the Review. [BS auDA, April 2026]

#### **6. auDA Survey Data**

The Panel agreed that information available from compliance survey data would not be helpful to the Panel in its review.

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

The Panel discussed the following matters:

- Domain renewal process, 90 day renewal requirement introduced via auDA's administrative rule changes and included in auDA's Compliance Posture.
- Rules around security over domains
- Allocation rule, IP, trademarks and domain held in trust by auDA and registrants right to use
- Chain of title and how records are updated. The Panel noted that completion of a chain of title document is an administrative process supporting compliance with the .au Licensing Rules, rather than part of the rules.



**Action:** Provide auDA with advice on issues related to using domain names as security, to help inform the work of the Panel. [auDA General Counsel, April 2026]

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

The Panel noted the next Panel meeting is on Wednesday 8 April, 10am to 2pm – in person. The Panel noted that the Panel Chair would provide a verbal update to the auDA Board on 9 April and option of a briefing before the June 2026 Board meeting on draft recommendations.

**Action:** Develop position options for Panel consideration. [SS Panel Support, April 2025]

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

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 21 January 2026 Panel Meeting and Actions.

## **10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **11. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 11:50pm

Signed as a true and correct record

**Matt Healy**

Chair

Date: