

Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 6 May 2026, 1 to 3pm AEST	
Location	Level 19, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne and Teams Meeting	
Present	Matt Healy, Panel Chair Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Ian Kelly, Panel Member Anthony Peake, Panel Member Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member (VC) Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member (VC)	Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec Barbara Schade, auDA Licensing SME <i>(part attendance)</i>
Apologies	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, never ceded and paid respects to elders past and present.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Ross Creelman had given his apologies.

3. Draft Report

The Panel noted the Chair's comments that the draft report was still being developed and also needed to clearly reference the 'benefit to all Australians'. The Panel discussed the approach to:

- Privacy in regard to the personal information available on the auDA WHOIS lookup tool, processes in place to suppress information in domestic violence related circumstances, use of an alternate business name, referencing the *Privacy Act 1988*
- Scams and whether to include within the scope of Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse or under the list of unlawful activities
- Communication to registrants about domain renewals and cancellations and the operation of the ICANN policy requiring email verification
- Eligibility and loss of .com.au domains after retirement

Barbara Schade left the meeting

- Monetisation and issues related to pay per page click and sites for sale, registrars using AI to send to unused sites



- Allocation rules and definition of what is and isn't a service
- Timelines associated with auDA's complaints process
- auDA's audit process.
- Frequency of the Licensing Rules Review Period.

The Panel discussed the structure of the Draft Report and value of including a table that maps all issues to the Licencing Rules principles.

4. Consultation

4.1 Consultation Summary

The Panel noted the Synthesis Report from ThinkPlace summarising the conversation tracker information from the consultations held in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and online in February and March 2026.

4.2 Phase 2 Consultations

The Panel noted that once the Draft Report was published there would be two online and two in person consultations scheduled to help inform the Final Report, due for delivery in August 2026.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Actions

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 8 April 2026 Panel Meeting and Actions.

6. Next Steps and Meeting Dates

The Panel discussed next steps, with the Chair undertaking to do further work on the Draft Report in consultation with Panel members as necessary and circulate to the Panel for approval ahead of briefing the auDA Board prior to publication.

7. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 3pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Matt Healy

Chair

Date: