

Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 8 April 2026, 10am to 2pm 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 Ross Creelman, Panel Member (VC) Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member (VC)	Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec (<i>part attendance</i>) Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec Barbara Schade, auDA Licensing SME (<i>part attendance</i>)
Apologies		

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land he was on, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and paid respects to elders past and present.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that there would be an in-camera session without auDA representatives later in the meeting.

3. Consultation

3.1 Consultation Update

The Panel discussed the recent consultations held in person in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and noted the issues raised at each varied but included monetisation, contested domains, renewal rules and complaint handling processes. The Panel considered the Conversation tracker reports and polls taken at each consultation. auDA's Licensing SME confirmed a Synthesis Report from the Consultation facilitator will be provided.

The Panel agreed the timetable for the consultations on the draft Licensing Rules Review Report noting that there would be two online consultations and an in-person consultation in Sydney and Melbourne.

Action: Attend the next Domain Investor meeting. [Chair, April 2026]

Action: Publish a summary of the consultations on the website. [auDA, April/May 2026]



4. Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

No Stakeholder Minutes to note.

5. Submissions

The Panel discussed some of the issues raised in the submissions including suggestions to protect small business and noted that small businesses were often more likely to meet allocation rules because the name matched their business however there was no hierarchy of rights. The Panel discussed the definition of monetisation and noted that monetised domains generally fell into two categories – a business purpose to sell goods and services or sitting on a name to sell the domain.

The Panel noted that all [Submissions](#) are on the auDA website.

6. Draft Rule Change Options

auDA provided an overview of the current policy landscape and scope in relation to Action 1, confirming which policies are in scope for the review, the legacy rules due to expire on 11 April 2026 which cover a small number of domains that haven't updated to the new rules.

The Panel discussed that while the legacy policies were out of scope the report could include a statement acknowledging the legacy rules and there was an option to include elements of the legacy rules if it was helpful in an area where the Licensing Rules were silent.

Linda Brown and Barbara Schade left the meeting.

The Panel noted the register capturing all issues raised in the submissions and discussed:

- Various scenarios and options for addressing Monetisation issues in the Rules to improve trust and confidence
- The complaint handling process and opportunity to improve timeframes and reduce any complexity with the Renewal arrangements and Registrar processes
- Accountability with associated Business names and domain names to be registered, including eligibility requirements
- Allocation Rules, entitlement rights and consumer protection issues.

Ross Creelman left the meeting.

7. Next Steps and Meeting Dates

The Panel noted that the next meeting date was 6 May 2026 with the main business to discuss the draft report.



Action: Draft Recommendations Report for Committee review and endorsement (Chair & Panel Support, April 2026)

Dr Selvi Kannan left the meeting.

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Actions

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 8 March 2026 Panel Meeting and Actions. auDA provided an overview of the current policy landscape and scope in relation to Action 1.

9. Other Business

No other business was noted or discussed.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 2:03pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Matt Healy

Chair

Date: