

Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Licensing Rules Review Panel		
Date / Time	Tuesday 9 December 2025, 3 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 Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member Ross Creelman, Panel Member	Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member Barbara Schade, SCPO Observer Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec	
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 the lands other attendees were joining from and noted the land was never ceded.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that all Panel Members were in attendance.

3. Consultation

3.1 Consultation Update

The Chair asked Panel Members for feedback on the consultation process so far, with members noting that it was generally going well, the importance of providing a range of opportunities in person and online, that momentum will build when there is more substantive information on issues and positions for stakeholders to respond to, promoting the ability to contact the Panel directly and opportunities to consult with large corporates. Discussion about the difficulty of defining a domain name investor, with Panel agreeing on definition of registrant holding 50 or more domain names. auDA to provide the data to give Panel an indication of the size of the domain name investor sector.

Action: auDA to provide the Panel with number of registrants holding 50 or more domain names. [SCPO, Jan 2026]



3.2 Upcoming Consultations

The Panel noted the next webinar on Thursday 11 December 2025.

4. Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

The Panel noted the Introductory Webinar held on 27 November was an opportunity to introduce the Licensing Rules Review, Panel Members, the review process and work to date. Participants raised issues related to contested names and the timing of the renewal process and whether issues would be resolved by September 2026, timing of Panel recommendations to the auDA Board, options to reduce cybersquatting, monetisation, whether rule changes will be retrospective, the timetable and agenda for in person meetings in each state, process for engaging stakeholders from diverse industries and backgrounds who may be impacted by the outcome of the review and privacy protections for individual registrants. [Recording available here](#).

The Panel noted the information session with auDA staff held on 2 December where Panel members sought to understand the application of the allocation rules, definition of service, the verification process and issues that arise in resolving allocation complaints and complaints related to monetisation.

5. Submissions

The Panel noted three submissions had been received since the last meeting. The submissions raised issues related to priority applications for contested .au direct domains and application of the 'longest holder principle', Panel access to auDA data to identify the number of contested domains related to historical auction or release of domain names, the impact of cybersquatting and monetisation on small business and the community and application of the eligibility rule. [Submissions available here](#).

Action: auDA to provide the Panel with data to show how many current contested names are impacted by the historical auction of domain names. [SCPO, Jan 2026]

6. Discussion / analysis of issues

The Panel discussed the following matters:

- the conflation of the eligibility rule and cybersquatting
- purpose of the domain name system
- trust in .au domain names and what contributes to their value
- operation of the allocation and eligibility rules in Australia compared to systems in use in other jurisdictions.

Action: Prepare slides for the next webinar that highlight the monetisation and cybersquatting issues and what is permitted under the current rules using three examples including the auDA gummy.au domain. [SCPO, Dec 2025]



Action: Provide examples of domain name sites that could be used the case study. [EK, AP, NW, Dec 2025].

7. Domain Name Data

Presentation deferred.

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Actions

The Panel noted the Minutes of the 19 November 2025 Panel Meeting and Actions.

9. Next LRRP Meeting Date

The Chair confirmed the next meeting for 21 January 2026 – in person.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 5pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Matt Healy

Chair

Date: