

Agenda

Meeting	Licencing Rules Review Panel	
Date / Time	Wednesday 22 October 2025/ 10am to 12pm AEDT	
Location	Microsoft Teams/Level 19, Level 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne	
Attending	Matt Healy, Panel Chair Ross Creelman, Panel Member Dr Selvi Kannan, Panel Member Ian Kelly, Panel Member Anthony Peake, Panel Member Niluka Welungoda, Panel Member	Bruce Tonkin, CEO, Observer Sharon Copeland-Smith, COO, Observer Sophie Mitchell, CCO, Observer Steph Viljoen, SME Observer Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec Shilpa Singh, Panel Support
Apologies	Erhan Karabardak, Panel Member	Ross Creelman, Panel Member

	Item	Who	Action	Paper	Time	
1.	Acknowledgment of Country	Chair	Noting	N	10:00	(2)
2.	Welcome, attendance, apologies	Chair	Noting	N	10:02	(3)
3.	Project Plan	Chair	Noting	Y	10:05	(10)
4.	Stakeholder Engagement Plan	Chair	Noting	Y	10:15	(30)
5.	Consultation Update (auIGF)	Chair, participating Panel members	Noting	N	10:45	(30)
6.	.au Trust	CCO/COO	Noting	N	11:15	(10)
7.	Complaint and Audit Data	SME	Noting	Y	11:25	(15)
8.	Report to the auDA Board	Chair	Noting	N	11:40	(5)
9.	Minutes of previous meeting	Chair	Decision	Y	11:45	(5)
10.	Other Business	Chair	Noting	N	11:50	(10)
11.	Meeting close				12:00	

Meeting Minutes

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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 Shilpa Singh, Panel Support Linda Brown, Co Sec	Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, CEO, Observer Sharon Copeland-Smith, COO, Observer Sophie Mitchell, CCO, Observer Steph Viljoen, SME Observer Barbara Schade, SCO Observer Tess Partridge, CO Observer
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1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, noting the lands had never been ceded, and paid respects to elders past and present.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that Erhan Karabardak had given his apologies. The Chair introduced Shilpa Singh who has been engaged to assist the panel with research, consultation and related activities.

3. Project Plan

The Panel noted the Project Plan.

4. Stakeholder Engagement Plan

The Panel discussed the Stakeholder Engagement Plan noting that it would form the basis of the Panel's consultation activities.

5. Consultation Update (auIGF)

The Chair provided an overview of the lunchtime consultation session that he, Ian Kelly and Ross Creelman held at the auIGF in Adelaide on 24 September. He noted that it was quite well attended and participants contributed a broad range of perspectives including removing the ability to monetise domains, preference for aligning with international jurisdictions through to maintaining and strengthening the current rules.



auDA's Chief Communications Officer provided information on how auDA's Communications, Stakeholder Engagement and Policy Team (CSEP) could provide support by promoting the Panel's engagement and consultation activities. The Panel discussed the following opportunities to consult with stakeholders:

- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) member events in Darwin, Brisbane and Perth in November and December.
- auDA's Registrar Summit Werribee 14 November
- Organising dedicated webinars and online workshops for members
- Small Business including through COSBOA and the Small Business Ombudsman
- Tasmanian stakeholders
- auDA Domain Investors monthly online briefing (date tbc)
- Government Departments and Ministers
- NSW Telco Authority
- First Nations Industry Advisory Group.

Action: Panel Members to advise Co Sec (SJ) of availability to attend ACCI events and Registrar Summit. [Oct 2025]

6. .au Trust

The Panel noted the [Why .au? Report](#).

7. Complaint and Audit Data

The Panel reviewed information from auDA on FY25 Complaint and Audit data and noted there were 4800 complaints with the top complaints in order of volume related to unauthorised business use, deregistered ACNs, registration, eligibility, renewal and allocation. The Panel discussed Registrar validation processes, requirements to show connection to a domain name and the ability to update .au WHOIS and processes and requirements in other jurisdictions. The Panel noted information from auDA on its Compliance Posture and Registrar focus on accuracy of data from 2021-25 and current focus on renewals.

Action: Prepare a paper on options to make the chain of title rules more efficient. [Shilpa Singh, Nov 2025]

Action: Circulate the Compliance Posture to the Panel. [Co Sec, Oct 2025]

8. Report to the auDA Board

The Chair confirmed that he attended the 16 October auDA Board Meeting to provide an update on activities to date and share the Project Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and that the next report would be provided at the 4 December 2025 Board Meeting.



9. Minutes of previous meeting

The Panel noted the Minutes of the induction meeting held on 10 September 2025 and that they were now published on the auDA website.

10. Other Business

The Panel noted information from auDA that the Contested Name Survey had been completed and that the Summary Report would be available on the auDA website. The Panel discussed the factors contributing to contested names and noted this is a key issue in the terms of reference for the panel to make a recommendation on.

Action: Engage with auDA subject matter experts (SMEs) to assist the Panel to understand the Contested Name issues. [Matt Healy/Shilpa Singh, Oct 2025]

11. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 12pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Matt Healy

Chair

Date: