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**To:** [LRreview](#)  
**Cc:** [general](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Re: auDA Case: [REDACTED]  
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**Date:** Wednesday, 21 January 2026 12:56:31 AM

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Hi Team (and [REDACTED]),

Firstly, apologies [REDACTED] I'm going to pollute your ticket/case here a bit because in order for my case to be heard, I need to preserve the context of what I'm submitting feedback.

As a citizen of the Web, and in the spirit of the Open Web, I wish to appeal to common sense and ask that the decision makers of the au DA eligibility rules review with the following use-cases in mind:

- No-one really understands the purposes of a .COM or a .COM.AU or any gTLD with a "COM" in the name.
- We have moved past this and now have many hundreds if not thousands of gTLD(s).
- I fully understand the challenges you must face as a gTLD of a root domain(AU) and the many legal and compliance issues your team must face adn and every day.
- However, don't let the "few spoil it for the many".

In this particular case, and I'm sure many others like this exists, I am the Admin and Technical contact of a Domain name ([REDACTED].[com.au](#)) which belongs to an Adjunct (retired) and Elderly Professor, of which I have much respect for (but we don't need to go into and personals, needless to say, I've known her for many years, which is why I maintain and manage her domain, website and keep her online publications safe and secure, however as time has gone on, I've lost contact...).

I fully understand that you have an "eligibility" criteria for holding a .COM.AU or even a .NET.AU -- If you look at your domain records, you'll find that I hold many such .AU domains myself and am more than happy to comply with the rules. But in this case, this is different.

Applying the rules here, strictly, harms the work of a professor's entire life's work. Research that if left to wither away into the "ether" would be a catastrophe.

I however am willing to continue to a) Pay for the domain and b) Foot the infrastructure costs to host the website (which I have continuously done without any compensation).

I hope some of you on the panel are old enough to remember and understand the concept of the Open Web and it's important to keep this spirit alive.

I can't and will not migrate her life's work to another domain, only to have it disappear because all the links will cease to work.

I cannot realistically contact her in a timely manner, as I've lost touch.

Your rules are unfairly being exercised in a very special circumstance that harms no company, no trademark, no business, of which I'm the sole budgen of tiem, cost and energy.

I urge anyone on the panel to take but 5 minutes of your time to look into this, visit the

website and see for yourself. Look into my history. Google me: "James Mills prologic" and see for yourself.

Finally, Thank you [REDACTED] for unsuspending the domain, however 1 week will not be enough time.

Please let's come to an agreement that can actually work here. I look forward to hearing from your team,

Yours faithfully

James Mills (a Citizen of the Web)

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On Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 1:11 PM 'auDA General' via ShortCircuit Administration <[admin@shortcircuit.net.au](mailto:admin@shortcircuit.net.au)> wrote:

Dear James,

auDA Case: [REDACTED]

Domain Name(s): [REDACTED]

Thank you for speaking to me over the phone earlier. I am contacting you from .auDA - we administer the rules for .au domain names.

As per our discussion over the phone, I have asked the registry to remove the suspension for a week. The domain should be back online within the hour.

While I sympathise with the situation described and I understand the domain is used to publish research, as per the current licensing rules, a valid **commercial entity** needs to be the registrant of this domain.

Among the options we discussed are:

- registering a .au direct domain name and moving the website there. The only rule for .au direct domains is Australian presence.
- transferring of the domain name license to an active commercial entity.

If you'd like to opt for the latter, please submit the documents below back to us by JAN 27:

- **Transfer of domain chain of title form** - filled in and signed (attached). Explain the connection between the current registrant, [REDACTED] and proposed new registrant in the "Summary of transfer events" section AND
- **Supporting documentation** that can demonstrate this connection such as: Statutory declaration from the current registrant agreeing to the transfer.

They can submit either a:

- paper declaration - filled in, signed and witnessed by a qualified individual in your state - Lawyer/ Police officer/Accountant/ Justice of Peace) OR
- digital statutory declaration through MyGov. **This does NOT need to be witnessed, and it can be done within minutes.**

<https://my.gov.au/en/about/help/digital-id/digital-commonwealth-statutory-declaration>

I also mentioned on the phone that the licensing rules are currently under review and submissions from the public are encouraged.

Please make sure to submit your views at: [.au Licensing Rules Review \(2025\) consultation | auDA](#)

Also, once the case is closed (for example, if it results in a suspension), if you do not agree with our decision in this matter, you can request an internal review of the decision either by return email or via the complaint form on our website. You will need to tell us why you disagree with our decision and what remedy you are seeking.



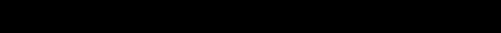
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