Record of Meeting

Meeting	**General Advisory Standing Committee**	
Date / Time	Wednesday 18 June 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm (AEST)	
Location	via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Keith Besgrove (Chair) Dr Peter Langkamp, OAM Nadia Moffatt, OAM Sae Ra Germaine Caroline Greenway	Andrew Williams Susan Kelso Ajoy Ghosh Cleo Kerama Dr Paul Harrison
In attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Jane Smith AM, auDA's CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec	Peter Elford, auDA Director (and Committee Rep)
Invitees	Sharon Copeland-Smith, auDA COO Robert Turney, auDA CISO	
Apologies	Sandra Davey, auDA Director (and Committee Rep)	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present noting apologies and opened the meeting at 11.02am.

The Chair confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which the Committee was meeting, including members attending remotely and paid respects to elders past and present.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Committee noted the Declaration of Interests Register.

The Company Secretary noted an interest update from Cleo Kerama, with no conflicts confirmed.

Action: Update the Declaration of interest Register with the disclosure update received from Cleo Kerama [CoSec, June 2025]

4. Previous Record of Meeting – 7 May 2025

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 7 May 2025 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions, with the Chair confirming all actions have been completed, with one scheduled for discussion at today's meeting (agenda 7)

6. Digital Identity Briefing Paper

The Chair invited Dr Peter Langkamp to provide an overview of the Digital Identity Briefing Paper, which was taken as read.

Dr Langkamp noted that by auDA coupling DNS trust with verifiable credentials, a new policy-aligned revenue stream could be made available, which will strengthen auDA's public-interest relevance beyond domains. It would build on auDA's trusted brand.

The Chair also invited Susan Kelso, who was involved in the Digital Identity ideation to provide comment, noting the genesis followed auDA's 2025-2030 Strategy workshop, where GASC was consulted.

The Committee discussed:

- Strategic Alignment
- Market Context
- Opportunity Landscape
- Risk Analysis (i.e. legal and compliance)
- Required Resources; and
- Capital Allocation

GASC members were generally highly supportive of the work in the Digital Identity Briefing paper on the market opportunity for auDA to enter into the digital identity market. However, specific concerns raised by GASC members included:

- What is the gap that the proposal seeks to fill?
- Is the proposal workable?
- We need a holistic overview of the likely risks involved
- Is this proposal consistent with the auDA strategic plan?
- This will be an expensive project and should probably be done in partnership with another entity

The Chair sought feedback from all the Committee members, recommending consultation with Registrars and a Feasibility Study be established, subject to auDA Board's appetite.

The Chair sought input from auDA's CEO with the following considerations provided:

- How to protect data?
- What is unique to auDA?
- What is the best market opportunity?
- What are the different implications of Digital Identity?
- What are the right policy conditions in Australia to have an effective Digital Identity Marekt that is useful?
- Is there an opportunity for other Product & Services for auDA to consider and explore feasibility further?

Action: The tabled Briefing paper to be considered further by a sub-committee of the GASC. The amended paper will incorporate a covering note which will seek to answer some of the issues raised in the GASC June meeting. It will then be finalised at the GASC's September meeting prior to being submitted for the auDA Board to consider [GASC Subcommittee (K. Besgrove, P. Langkamp & S. Kelso) June 2025]

7. The Online Safety Act

The Chair noted that at the last meeting, GASC has been invited to consider *The Online Safety Act* (OSA) for possible advice to be provided to the auDA Board.

The Chair observed the Online Safety Act (UK) was provided for reference only.

The Online Safety Act (OSA) (Online Safety Act 2021 - Federal Register of Legislation) places obligations on online 'user-to-user' (U2U) services and search services to take steps to control and monitor the content published on their platforms, with an independent review having been undertaken on the Australian OSA legislation.

The Committee noted the Independent Review contains 67 recommendations (INFRA6683 Independent Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 0125_AW 2_acc.pdf), which if adopted, would strengthen online safety laws and improve the Act's effectiveness through a 'systems based' approach.

Action: It was **agreed** a GASC Subcommittee will consider a technical review of the OSA recommendations and table an update at the next meeting for the Committee to discuss [(K. Besgrove, S. Germaine, C. Greenway and A. Williams) June 2025]

8. Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research Update

The Committee noted there was no further update from Dr Paul Harrison on the Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research, as funding opportunities continue to be explored.

Dr Harrison provided a recap noting the research seeks to provide a practical and scientific approach to address digital capability and social isolation.

It was noted this item will be removed as a standing agenda, until there are further developments.

9. Workplan for 2025

The Committee noted the updated Workplan prepared by the Chair, outlining projects to assist the Committee for the remainder of its current term until December 2025.

The Chair raised the options, for future auDA advice, that were referenced in a paper tabled at the February 2025 Board meeting.

10. Any Other Business

No other Business was noted.

11. Meeting Close / Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed there were no further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee noted that the next meeting is scheduled, **Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 11.00am - 1.00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.10pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove
Committee Chair

Date: