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# GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED REGISTRARS ON THE INTERPRETATION OF POLICY RULES FOR OPEN 2LDS

#### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 This document sets out guidelines for auDA accredited registrars on the interpretation of the Domain Name Eligibility and Allocation policy rules for the open 2LDs. At the time of publication, the open 2LDs are asn.au, com.au, id.au, net.au and org.au. The Domain Name Eligibility and Allocation policy rules are available on auDA's website at <a href="http://www.auda.org.au/policy">http://www.auda.org.au/policy</a>

# 2. PURPOSE OF GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The policy rules for the open 2LDs are divided into two types of criteria:
  - a) Eligibility is the registrant eligible to license a domain name in the requested 2LD?; and
  - b) Allocation can the requested domain name be allocated to the registrant?
- 2.2 The eligibility criteria require the registrant to provide the relevant identification details for the 2LD that they want to license their domain name in. For example, if the registrant wants to license a domain name in com.au, they must provide identification details such as Australian registered company name and Australian Company Number (ACN).
- 2.3 The allocation criteria require the registrant to give a reason why the requested domain name can be allocated to them. The reasons available in each 2LD are:
  - a) exact match of the registrant's name; or
  - b) abbreviation or acronym of registrant's name; or
  - c) close and substantial connection to the registrant.
- 2.4 The purpose of these guidelines is to provide clarification for registrars on how the eligibility and allocation criteria of the policy should be interpreted.

#### 3. DOMAIN NAME APPLICATIONS

3.1 Registrars may design their own domain name application form for registrants. Forms may include check boxes to allow an applicant to self-select the appropriate eligibility and allocation criteria. It is not necessary to include "free text" fields on the application form. However, as a matter of best practice, registrars are advised to make sure that they collect sufficient information to enable them to explain or justify their decision in the case of dispute, or if requested to do so by auDA under the terms and conditions of the Registrar Agreement.

- 3.2 Application forms must include a warranty statement that the registrant must agree to before they submit the application. An example of a warranty statement is provided at Schedule A of this document.
- 3.3 Each domain name application must be assessed on its own merits. It is not acceptable for the registrant merely to refer to previous decisions in order to support their claims. For example, the mere fact that a registrant called "Jane's Shop Pty Ltd" was able to license "janesflowers.com.au" is not sufficient to support the claims of "John's Shop Pty Ltd" to license "johnsflowers.com.au".

# 4. RULES FOR ALL OPEN 2LDS

- 4.1 Before determining that a domain name application meets the specific eligibility and allocation criteria for the particular 2LD, registrars must check that each domain name application complies with the general rules that apply in all open 2LDs.
- 4.2 Domain names are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Provided that the registrant meets the relevant policy rules, the registrar may process the registration and issue a domain name licence to the registrant. Registrars are not required to decide whether or not the domain name potentially infringes the rights of a third party.
- 4.3 Registrars must check that the requested domain name:
  - a) is from 2 to 63 characters long;
  - b) contains only letters (a-z), numbers (0-9) or hyphens (-), or a combination of these;
  - c) starts and ends with a letter or a number, not a hyphen; and
  - d) does not contain hyphens in the third and fourth position (eg. ab--cd.com.au).
- 4.4 In addition, registrars must check that the requested domain name is not on auDA's Reserved List. The Reserved List is available on auDA's website at <a href="http://www.auda.org.au/policy">http://www.auda.org.au/policy</a>. The list mostly contains words that are restricted by statute. It also contains existing gTLDs and ccTLDs.
- 4.5 auDA's Reserved List does not contain objectionable words. Registrars are not required to decide whether or not a domain name is potentially objectionable. However, auDA supports the right of registrars to choose not to process a domain name registration if it breaches their own "acceptable use" policy.

#### 5. LEGAL STATUS OF REGISTRANT

- 5.1 A domain name licence is a legal contract and as such may only be entered into by a legal entity. Registrars must ensure that the registrant of a domain name, as listed in the registry database, is a legal entity. If the registrant is not a legal entity then the domain name licence, and any associated terms and conditions imposed by the registrar, may not be enforceable.
- 5.2 The following are legal entities and may be entered in the registrant field of the registry database:
  - a) a registered company (proprietary or public);

- b) an individual;
- c) an incorporated association; and
- d) a statutory body.
- 5.3 The following are NOT legal entities and must NOT be entered in the registrant field of the registry database:
  - a) a registered business name;
  - b) a trade mark;
  - c) a trust; and
  - d) a partnership.
- 5.4 With regard to the categories listed in paragraph 5.3, the registrant would be the owner of the registered business name or trade mark, the trustee of the trust or the individual partners of the partnership. In the case of a partnership with more than two partners, one partner must elect to be listed as the registrant on behalf of the partnership.

# 6. VERIFICATION OF REGISTRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 6.1 Registrants must provide sufficient identification to demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria for the particular 2LD. Registrars must verify the registrant's identification details to confirm that the registrant meets the eligibility criteria. The table in Schedule B lists the registrant types for each 2LD, the identification details to be provided by the registrant, and the verification source that registrars must use to check those details.
- 6.2 Most verification sources are available online, however there are a couple of cases where the registrar must obtain further documentation from the registrant, as follows:
  - a) incorporated associations that are not listed on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) database must provide a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation; and
  - b) commercial statutory bodies must provide a copy (or extract) of the relevant Act of Parliament.
- 6.3 When verifying registrant details on official databases, registrars should check the status entry, as follows:
  - a) on the ASIC database, "association strike off status (ASOS), "de-registered (DRGD)", "pending (PEND)", "removed (RMVD)" and "reserved (RSVD)" are not an acceptable basis for domain name registration; and
  - b) on the Australian Trade Mark Online Search System (ATMOSS), "refused", "rejected", "removed" and "never registered" are not an acceptable basis for domain name registration.
- In cases where there is no verification source available, registrars are entitled to rely on the registrant's warranty that they meet the eligibility criteria, as follows:

- a) sporting and special interest clubs that do not have an Australian Business Number must warrant that they are a club;
- b) registrants in id.au must warrant that they are an Australian citizen or resident; and
- c) non-profit organisations, in addition to providing the identification details relevant to their corporate status, must warrant that they are non-profit.
- 6.5 It is not necessary to obtain a statutory declaration from the registrant. Where a registrant has made a false warranty, or otherwise acted in bad faith in order to obtain the domain name licence, auDA reserves the right to revoke the domain name licence.
- 6.6 Please note that registrars are expected to act with integrity and use their common sense in determining whether the registrant's warranty is bona fide. Under the terms and conditions of the Registrar Agreement, auDA reserves the right to take action against a registrar where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the registrar has acted negligently or recklessly in approving a domain name application in breach of the relevant policy rules.

#### 7. ALLOCATION CRITERIA - MEANING OF "EXACT MATCH"

7.1 An "exact match" is where the requested domain name matches one, some or all of the words comprising the name used by the registrant to establish their eligibility. The words must be used in the same order as they appear in the name. Refer to the examples in Schedule C.

# 8. ALLOCATION CRITERIA - MEANING OF "ABBREVIATION"

- 8.1 An "abbreviation" is where the requested domain name is used to represent or stand for the complete form, of the name used by the registrant to establish their eligibility. The abbreviation can contain letters or numbers that do not appear in the registrant's name. Words do not have to be used in the same order as they appear in the name. Refer to the examples in Schedule C.
- 8.2 Please note that this rule is NOT the same as the old derivation rule in com.au and net.au, which allows registrants to derive a domain name that is entirely unrelated to their own name by using a consecutive sequence of letters. The abbreviation must "represent or stand for the complete form". This means that the abbreviation must be a close approximation of, and have a related meaning to, the complete form. A "close approximation" refers to the way the words look. In general, partial words or words that contain the same letters in a similar sequence will be a close approximation. "Related meaning" refers to the accepted dictionary definition of the words. Although there might be a close approximation between the words, derivations are not acceptable if there is no related meaning. Similarly, although there might be a related meaning between the words, synonyms are not acceptable if there is no close approximation.
- 8.3 In the case of personal names, common alternatives may be acceptable as abbreviations, even if there is no obvious connection. This is most likely to occur in the case of non-English names. For example, a registrant called "Yahnni" could license "john.id.au" because "John" is the English version of "Yahnni". Registrars are not expected to have an exhaustive knowledge of common alternatives for personal names, but are entitled to rely on the registrant's warranty. Where a registrant has made a false warranty, or otherwise acted in bad faith in order to obtain the domain name licence,

- auDA reserves the right to revoke the domain name licence. In addition, an aggrieved party has the right to file a complaint against the registrant under the .au Dispute Resolution Policy (auDRP).
- 8.4 Please note, however, that registrars are expected to act with integrity and use their common sense in determining whether the registrant's warranty is bona fide. Under the terms and conditions of the Registrar Agreement, auDA reserves the right to take action against a registrar where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the registrar has acted negligently or recklessly in approving a domain name application in breach of the relevant policy rules. As noted in paragraph 3.3, registrars are advised to make sure that they collect sufficient information to enable them to explain or justify their decision in the case of dispute, or if requested to do so by auDA under the Registrar Agreement.

## 9. ALLOCATION CRITERIA - MEANING OF "ACRONYM"

- 9.1 An "acronym" is where the requested domain name comprises the initial letters only of each word of the name used by the registrant to establish their eligibility. If the requested domain name comprises more than the initial letters of each word, then it will most likely fall within the definition of abbreviation (for example, "auda.org.au" is an abbreviation of .au Domain Administration Ltd, not an acronym). Refer to the examples in Schedule C.
- 9.2 Please note the following qualifications:
  - Commercial status identifiers such as "Pty Ltd" or "Co" do not need to be included.
  - DNS identifiers such as ".com.au" do not need to be included.
  - Pronouns such as "a", "the", "and" or "of" do not need to be included.

#### 10. ALLOCATION CRITERIA - MEANING OF "CLOSE AND SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTION"

- 10.1 A "close and substantial connection" is where the requested domain name is connected to the registrant in accordance with the listed categories for each 2LD.
- 10.2 The purpose of the close and substantial connection rule is to allow some flexibility for registrants who do not want to license a domain name that is directly related to their name (or cannot do so, because the domain name has already been licensed by another registrant with the same or similar name). It is important to note that this rule is NOT intended as a "free for all", and the degree of flexibility is limited by the categories of close and substantial connection outlined in the policy rules.
- 10.3 The close and substantial connection rule is inherently subjective and registrars often will be required to make their own judgements about whether the requested domain name should be allocated to the registrant. Beyond seeking further information or clarification from the registrant where necessary, registrars are not required to take action to investigate the registrant's claims. For example, a registrar is not required to visit the premises of "Jane's Shop Pty Ltd" to verify that the registrant sells flowers and is thus eligible to license "janesflowers.com.au". Registrars are entitled to rely on the registrant's warranty. Where a registrant has made a false warranty, or otherwise acted in bad faith in order to obtain the domain name licence, auDA reserves the right to revoke the domain name licence. In addition, an aggrieved party has the right to file a complaint against the registrant under the .au Dispute Resolution Policy (auDRP).
- 10.4 Please note, however, that registrars are expected to act with integrity and use their common sense in determining whether the registrant's warranty is bona fide. Under the terms and conditions of the Registrar Agreement, auDA reserves the right to take action

against a registrar where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the registrar has acted negligently or recklessly in approving a domain name application in breach of the relevant policy rules. As noted in paragraph 3.3, registrars are advised to make sure that they collect sufficient information to enable them to explain or justify their decision in the case of dispute, or if requested to do so by auDA under the Registrar Agreement.

Close and substantial connection rule - asn.au, com.au, net.au and org.au

- 10.5 In com.au and net.au,the categories of close and substantial connection are:
  - a) a product that the registrant manufactures or sells; or
  - b) a service that the registrant provides; or
  - c) an event that the registrant organises or sponsors; or
  - d) an activity that the registrant facilitates, teaches or trains; or
  - e) a venue that the registrant operates; or
  - f) a profession that the registrant's employees practise.
- 10.6 In asn.au and org.au, the categories are:
  - a) a service that the registrant provides; or
  - b) a program that the registrant administers; or
  - c) an event that the registrant organises or sponsors; or
  - d) an activity that the registrant facilitates, teaches or trains; or
  - e) a venue that the registrant operates; or
  - f) a profession that the registrant's members practise.
- 10.7 The requested domain name does not have to be the *same* as the registrant's product, service, etc. The domain name must only *refer to* the registrant's product, service, etc. This allows the registrant to license variations or descriptions of their product, service, etc (for example, "Jane the Florist Pty Ltd" could license "bestflowers.com.au", "flowersonline.net.au", "redroses.com.au", "cheapflowers.net.au" and so on). Refer to the examples in Schedule C.
- 10.8 The Registrant Agreement (Domain Name Licence), that each registrant must enter into when they register or renew a domain name, places an obligation on the registrant not to register a domain name for the purpose of selling it. Therefore, it is not acceptable for registrants to use the close and substantial connection rule to engage in domain name speculation or warehousing; these practices do not constitute a "service" or an "activity" under the policy rules.

Close and substantial connection rule - id.au

- 10.9 In id.au, a domain name is a close and substantial connection if it:
  - a) includes, or is derived from, one or more words of the registrant's personal name; or

b) is a name by which the registrant is commonly known (ie. a nickname).

# 11. DOMAIN NAME RENEWALS

- 11.1 To process a domain name renewal, registrars must obtain confirmation from the registrant that their eligibility details are still current. If the registrant's details have not changed, registrars are not required to perform any policy compliance checks and are entitled to rely on the registrant's warranty that they still meet the relevant policy rules.
- 11.2 If the registrant's eligibility details are no longer current, the registrar must not process the renewal unless and until the registrant provides new or updated eligibility details. The cases where this is most likely to occur are:
  - a) Where a business name registration has lapsed or been removed. If the registrant is able to re-register the same business name, then the registrar must simply verify that the re-registration has taken place. They do not need to perform any further policy compliance checks, because the registrant's business name has not changed. If the registrant registers a new business name, then the registrar must perform full policy compliance checks because the registrant's new business name may no longer have any connection with the domain name.
  - b) Where an application for an Australian Registered Trade Mark has not been accepted for registration. The registrant is unable to resurrect the original basis for their domain name registration, so they must provide entirely new eligiblity details (eg. a company or business name). The registrar must perform full policy compliance checks, because the registrant's new eligibility details may no longer have any connection with the domain name.
- 11.3 Where the legal entity that is the registrant no longer exists, the domain name licence is terminated and the domain name cannot be renewed. The case where this is most likely to occur is where a company has been deregistered.

# 12. POLICY COMPLIANCE - ADVICE AND MONITORING

- 12.1 As manager of the .au domain, one of auDA's primary responsibilities is to preserve the policy integrity of the .au namespace. auDA intends to fulfil that responsibility in two main ways:
  - a) by providing advice and assistance to registrars in performing policy compliance checks; and
  - b) by conducting random audits of domain name registry records on a regular basis.
- 12.2 Registrars may contact auDA's Chief Policy Officer at any time for advice and assistance in performing policy compliance checks. auDA's intention is that these guidelines will be revised and updated from time to time to reflect the marketplace experience of registrars in dealing with registrants. auDA welcomes and encourages feedback from registrars about the usefulness of these guidelines in particular, as well as the level of support and assistance received from auDA's Chief Policy Officer and other staff.
- 12.3 Registrars must record the policy reason for each domain name registration in the registry database. This enables auDA to monitor the performance of registrars by conducting random audits of the registry records. It also enables auDA to undertake a full

investigation if it receives a complaint or is otherwise notified that a registrar is not performing its policy compliance checks with due care and integrity.

# **13. REVIEW OF GUIDELINES**

13.1 From time to time, auDA may update this document for the purposes of clarification or correction, or to maintain consistency with other auDA published policies. Under the terms and conditions of the Registrar Agreement, there is a 30 day grace period for registrars to comply with any variations of procedures or practices under this document.

#### SCHEDULE A

# **EXAMPLE OF REGISTRANT WARRANTY STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of all registrants, in accordance with their registration application and subsequent agreement, to ensure that they satisfy the relevant policy rules. To that end, a registrant is required to warrant to the registrar that they satisfy the rules.

Registrars may use the warranty text provided below in their domain name application form:

By submitting this Application Form, you (the Registrant):

- warrant that all the information contained in this Application Form, and all supporting documents provided to the Registrar, are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge;
- give the Registrar permission to contact third parties, investigate, request and obtain additional information and documentation, and otherwise verify the information contained in this Application Form; and
- waive liability on the part of the Registrar for its actions in verifying the information provided in this Application Form, and on the part of any third parties who provide truthful, material, relevant information about you;
- waive liability on the part of the Registrar if your application is accepted or rejected on the basis of any false or misleading information contained in this Application Form;
- acknowledge that if your application is accepted on the basis of any false or misleading information contained in this Application Form, auDA reserves the right to cancel your domain name licence at any time; and
- acknowledge that your entitlement to a domain name may be challenged by a third party with legitimate rights in the domain name.

# **SCHEDULE B**

# **VERIFICATION OF REGISTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

Registrant Type	Registrant ID	Verification Source
asn.au		
a) Australian incorporated association	(i) Incorporated association name; and (ii) State or Territory of registration; and (iii) Association Number	Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC)  http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html  OR  Certificate of Incorporation, if not listed on ASIC
b) Australian political party	(i) Party Name	Australian Electoral Commission http://www.aec.gov.au/disclosure/registered_parties.htm
c) Australian trade union or organisation under Workplace Relations Act 1996	(i) Union or organisation name; and (ii) Organisation number	Australian Industrial Relations Commission <a href="http://www.airc.gov.au/organisations/list/list.html">http://www.airc.gov.au/organisations/list/list.html</a>
d) Australian sporting or special interest club  If no ABN provided, registrant must warrant that they are a club	(i) Club name; and (ii) Club address; and (iii) Australian Business Number, if available	Registrant warranty, or Australian Business Register (ABR) if ABN provided <a href="http://www.abr.business.gov.au">http://www.abr.business.gov.au</a>
com.au and net.au		
a) Australian registered company	(i) Company name; and (ii) Australian Company Number	ASIC http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
b) Trading under an Australian registered business name	(i) Registered business name; and (ii) State or Territory of registration; and (iii) Registered Business Number	ASIC http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
c) Australian partnership or sole trader  An ABN is the MINIMUM requirement for sole traders and partnerships	(i) Trading name; and (ii) Australian Business Number	ABR http://www.abr.business.gov.au
d) Foreign company licensed to trade in Australia e) Australian Registered Trade Mark owner	(i) Company name; and (ii) Australian Registered Body Number (i) Name of owner; and (ii) Words comprising trade mark; and	ASIC <a href="http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html">http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html</a> Australian Trade Mark Online Search System (ATMOSS) <a href="http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/atmoss/falcon.application_start">http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/atmoss/falcon.application_start</a>

	(iii) Trade Mark Number	
f) Australian Registered Trade Mark	(i) Name of applicant; and	ATMOSS
applicant	(ii) Words comprising trade mark	http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/atmoss/falcon.application_start
	application; and	
Foreign applicants under the Madrid	(iii) Trade Mark Number	
Protocol MUST provide a Trade		
Mark Number		
g) Australian incorporated association	(i) Incorporated association name; and	ASIC
	(ii) State or Territory of registration; and	http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
	(iii) Association Number	OR
		Certificate of Incorporation, if not listed on ASIC
h) Australian commercial statutory	(i) Statutory body name; and	Relevant Act of Parliament
body trading under statutory body	(ii) Copy of relevant Act of Parliament	
name		
id.au		
a) Australian citizen or resident	(i) Registrant name; and	Registrant warranty
	(ii) Registrant address	
Registrant must warrant that they		
are an Australian citizen or resident		
org.au	(i) Ob suitable institution on fund assessed	LADD
a) Charity operating in Australia	(i) Charitable institution or fund name; and	ABR
A. A.D. L. a. 4h. a. BAINIBALIBA	(ii) Australian Business Number	http://www.abr.business.gov.au
An ABN is the MINIMUM		
requirement for charities		
b) Non-profit organisation operating in	(i) Organisation name; and	Registrant warranty, and ABR
Australia - might also be	(ii) Australian Business Number	http://www.abr.business.gov.au
- Australian registered company	OR	III.p.//www.abi.busiiiess.gov.au
- Australian registered company - Trading under Australian registered	(iii) Company name; and	Registrant warranty, and ASIC
business name	(iii) Company name, and (iv) Australian Company Number	http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
- Australian incorporated association	OR	imp.//www.search.asic.gov.au/grisoo i.nunii
- Foreign embassy or consulate	_	Pogistrent warrenty and ASIC
- I dieigii eiiibassy di collisulate	(v) Registered business name; and (vi) State or Territory of registration; and	Registrant warranty, and ASIC http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
An ABN is the MINIMUM		intp://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html
requirement for non-profit	(vii) Registered Business Number OR	
organisations, EXCEPT FOR foreign		Pogistrant warranty and ASIC
organisations, Excel 1 Tok loreign	(viii) Incorporated association name; and	Registrant warranty, and ASIC

embassies or consulates (ix) State or Territory of registration; and		http://www.search.asic.gov.au/gns001.html	
	(x) Association Number	OR	
Registrant must warrant that they		Certificate of Incorporation, if not listed on ASIC	
are a non-profit organisation	(xi) Foreign embassy or consulate name;	Registrant warranty	
	and		
	(xii) Foreign embassy or consulate address		

# **SCHEDULE C**

# **ALLOCATION CRITERIA EXAMPLES**

Table A - Examples of exact match, abbreviation and acronym in all open 2LDs

Registrant Type	Example Name	Exact Match	Abbreviation	Acronym
asn.au				
a) Australian	Internet Industry	internetindustryassociation.asn.au	iiassoc.asn.au	iia.asn.au
incorporated	Association	internetindustry.asn.au	internetind.asn.au	
association		internetassociation.asn.au	internetassoc.asn.au	
		internet.asn.au	intindassoc.asn.au	
		association.asn.au	industryassoc.asn.au	
b) Australian political	Australian Democrats	australiandemocrats.asn.au	austdemocrats.asn.au	ad.asn.au
party		australian.asn.au	australiandems.asn.au	
		democrats.asn.au	austdems.asn.au	
			dems.asn.au	
c) Australian trade	National Union of	nationalunionworkers.asn.au	natunion.asn.au	nuw.asn.au
union or organisation	Workers	nationalworkers.asn.au	natworkers.asn.au	
under Workplace		unionworkers.asn.au	natwork.asn.au	
Relations Act 1996		workers.asn.au	workersunion.asn.au	
d) Australian sporting	Bendigo Cricket Club	bendigocricketclub.asn.au	bendigocc.asn.au	bcc.asn.au
or special interest club		bendigocricket.asn.au	bcclub.asn.au	
		cricketclub.asn.au	bendi.asn.au	
			club-bendigo.asn.au	
com.au and net.au				
a) Australian registered	Coles Myer Pty Ltd	colesmyer.com.au	cmyer.com.au	cm.net.au
company		coles.net.au	myercoles.net.au	
		myer.com.au		
b) Trading under an	Jane's Cake Shop	janescakeshop.com.au	janescakes.com.au	jcs.com.au
Australian registered		cakeshop.net.au	cakes.net.au	
business name		janes.com.au		
c) Australian	Turner and Turner	turnerandturner.com.au	turners.com.au	tt.com.au
partnership or sole		turner.net.au	tandt.net.au	
trader				
	James Turner	jamesturner.com.au	jamest.com.au	jt.net.au
		turner.net.au	jturner.net.au	

		james.com.au	jimturner.com.au	
d) Foreign company	Cingapara Airlinaa	oinganaraairlinaa aam ay	turner-james.net.au	
d) Foreign company licensed to trade in	Singapore Airlines	singaporeairlines.com.au	singaporeair.com.au	sa.com.au
		singapore.net.au	singair.net.au	
Australia	On an Onla	airlines.com.au	airsingapore.com.au	
e) Australian	Coca Cola	cocacola.com.au	coke.com.au	cc.net.au
Registered Trade Mark owner		cola.net.au		
f) Australian Registered	Old-Fashioned Lemonade	oldfashionedlemonade.com.au	oldlemonade.com.au	ofl.com.au
Trade Mark applicant		oldfashioned.com.au	oldlemons.net.au	
		lemonade.net.au		
g) Australian	Professional Golfers	professionalgolfersassociation.com.au	profgolfersassoc.com.au	pga.com.au
incorporated	Assocations	professionalgolfers.net.au	golfersassoc.net.au	
association		golfersassociation.net.au	golfassoc.net.au	
			assoc-golf.com.au	
h) Australian	Australia Post	australiapost.com.au	auspost.com.au	ap.com.au
commercial statutory		post.net.au	aussiepost.net.au	·
body trading under		·	apost.com.au	
statutory body name				
•				•
id.au				
a) Australian citizen or	Jonathon Paul Smith	jonathon.id.au	john.id.au	jps.id.au
resident		jonathonpaulsmith.id.au	jsmith.id.au	
		jonathonsmith.id.au	johnpaulsmith.id.au	
		paulsmith.id.au	pauljohn.id.au	
		paul.id.au	smith-john.id.au	
		smith.id.au	,	
org.au				
a) Charity operating in	The Salvation Army	salvationarmy.org.au	salvos.org.au	sa.org.au
Australia		salvation.org.au	sallyarmy.org.au	
		army.org.au		
b) Non-profit	.au Domain	audomainadministration.org.au	auda.org.au	ada.org.au
organisation operating	Administration Ltd	domain.org.au	audomainadmin.org.au	
in Australia				

Table B - Examples of close and substantial connection in asn.au and org.au

Close and substantial connection category	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
	Registrant is a Church	Registrant is a Trade union	Registrant is the Salvation Army	Registrant is an RSL Club
(i) Service that registrant provides	prayer.org.au worship.org.au worshiponline.org.au	workplacerelations.org.au	welfare.org.au helpline.org.au agedcare.org.au	counselling.org.au
(ii) Program that registrant administers	soupkitchen.org.au	livingwage2002.org.au	employmentplus.org.au	poppies.org.au
(iii) Event that registrant organises or sponsors	churchfete.org.au	mayday.org.au workersrally.org.au	redshieldappeal.org.au	rememberanceday.org.au
(iv) Activity that registrant facilitates, teaches or trains	maritalguidance.org.au	ohs.org.au	familytracing.org.au	lawnbowls.org.au bingo.org.au
(v) Venue that registrant operates	church.org.au cathedral.org.au	tradeshall.org.au	hostel.org.au youthhostel.org.au	rslclub.org.au
(vi) Profession that registrant's members practise	ministers.org.au priests.org.au clergy.org.au	workers.org.au	socialworkers.org.au officers.org.au	veterans.org.au

Table C - Examples of close and substantial connection in com.au and net.au

Close and substantial connection category	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
	Registrant is in the automotive industry.	Registrant is in the hospitatlity industry	Registrant is in the IT industry	Registrant operates a women's clothing store
(i) Product that registrant manufactures or sells	cars.com.au tyres.net.au sportscars.com.au 4wd.net.au carsonline.com.au	food.com.au beverages.net.au beer.com.au fastfood.com.au tastyfood.net.au	computers.com.au computersonline.net.au modems.com.au fastmodems.net.au	clothing.com.au womensfashion.net.au bestdresses.com.au
(ii) Service that registrant provides	car-repairs.com.au carservice.net.au	catering.com.au mycatering.net.au	webhosting.com.au cheaphosting.net.au	tailoring.com.au

(iii) Event that registrant organises or sponsors	car-rally.com.au grandprix.net.au	weddings.com.au parties.net.au funparties.com.au	itworld.com.au	fashionshow.net.au
(iv) Activity that registrant facilitates, teaches or trains	learntodrive.com.au defensivedriving.net.au	hospitality.com.au	htmlskills.com.au webdesign.net.au	wardrobeconsulting.com.au
(v) Venue that registrant operates	calderpark.com.au	hotel.com.au pub.net.au	internetcafe.com.au	store.com.au onlinestore.net.au mystore.com.au
(vi) Profession that registrant's employees practise	mechanics.com.au drivers.net.au safedrivers.com.au	waiters.com.au chefs.net.au	engineers.com.au techies.net.au	tailors.net.au goodtailors.com.au

Table D - Examples of close and substantial connection in id.au

Close and substantial	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
connection category				
	Registrant's name is John	Registrant's name is	Registrant's name is Van	Registrant's name is Ann
	Smith	Catherine Evans	Nguyen	Poulos
(i) Includes, or is derived	johnny.id.au	kate.id.au (because Kate is	vanny.id.au	annie.id.au
from, one or more words of	johnno.id.au	a common derivate of	vanno.id.au	crazyann.id.au
registrant's personal name	smithy.id.au	Catherine)	nguyen888.id.au	annette.id.au
	jack.id.au (because Jack is	catherine99.id.au	vantheman.id.au	
	a common derivative of	supercatherine.id.au	vansphotos.id.au	
	John)	evanson.id.au	vanderburg.id.au	
	johnonline.id.au			
	smithfamily.id.au			
	johnsmith2002.id.au			
	number1john.id.au			
(ii) A name by which the	A nickname of the registrant -	does not have to include or be	derived from the registrant's pe	ersonal name.
registrant is commonly				
known				