

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 16 May 2022 / 11.00am – 12.00pm AEST	
Location	Hybrid: auDA Boardroom, Level 19, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and via Teams Meeting*	
Present	Dr Andrew J. Smith, Committee Chair Troy Williams, ITECA Craig Bennett, ACECQA Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Haydn Cockayne, Catholic Ed, WA <i>(Replacing Tony Panetta)</i> Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW <i>(joined at 11.04am)</i> Juliana Shea, ISA <i>(joined at 11.08am)</i>	Andrew C. Smith, ESA CEO Kris Cutmore, ESA Jenny McCloy, ESA Corrina Maloney, ESA
Also in attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO	Jackie Korhonen, auDA Director & Board Representative
Apologies	Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03am, noting both those invited and those who were apologies to the meeting, confirming a quorum was present.

The Chair provided a welcome to Haydn Cockayne, replacing Tony Panetta, to his first meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to the traditional owners of the lands upon which the Committee was meeting, including elders past and present.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register and confirmed there were no conflicts of interest.

The Chair provided an update on his new job, including active discussions in progress with auDA and ESA in regard to his role as Committee Chair.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 14 February 2022.

The Committee **confirmed** the 14 February 2022 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee noted there were no actions arising from the previous meeting.

6. auDA's Innovation & Impact Strategy Workshop

The Chair invited auDA's CEO to provide the Committee with an outline from auDA's Innovation & Impact Strategy Workshop, held Friday 6 May 2022.

It was noted the workshop purpose was to focus on auDA's strategy and key focus to unlock positive economic and social values for all Australians, by considering auDA's future contribution in supporting innovation by others.

The Chair provided his insight as a workshop participant and referenced how pertinent it was for auDA to be considering this, referencing a UK research paper that summarises the future of the internet and technologies that may affect the future use of the internet.

In addition, the Chair noted the focus of the Tech Council of Australia (TCA) who are committed to advising and engaging with the Australian government, businesses and the wider community to help support the ongoing creation, development and adoption of technology and ensure all Australians can take advantage of the vast opportunities that technology brings.

The Chair noted the important role the edu.au Advisory Committee has in providing advice to auDA on, and innovation in the education sector. This will be adopted as a standing agenda item for Committee deliberation and contribution [**ACTION:** CoSec, May 2022].

No comments or questions were noted.

7. ESA Issues Paper – Allocation Criteria for third (or National) level edu.au Domain Names

The Chair invited Jenny McCloy from ESA to provide an overview to the Committee on the ESA Issues Paper.

The Chair invited feedback from members, for further consideration by the auDA Board, on the current eligibility and allocation criteria for third level edu.au domain names under the .au Licensing Rules.

The Chair invited auDA's COO to outline the name allocation process and outlined the validation process for domain registrations.

The Committee noted the complexities within the various education sectors which include childcare, primary, secondary and university; further noting the review of rules for sector specific consideration is an important factor.

The Committee sought examples from ESA to assist its understanding the current application of the rules to support consideration of the issue. [**ACTION:** ESA, May 2022].

It was **agreed** the Committee will consider the allocation criteria issue further at its next meeting.

It was noted ESA has also raised for consideration, options to address concerns relating to the application of amendments to the TEQSA Act within the edu.au namespace.

It was noted this proposal is also to be further considered by the Committee and auDA and, if required, confirmed with the Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

8. ESA Quarterly Report Update for March 2022 YTD

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the January – March 2022 reporting period was tabled.

The Chair invited Kris Cutmore from ESA to update the Committee on key activities operational outcomes and trends, including:

- Key registry statistics on contested and non-contested applications, following the launch of .au direct, which commenced 24 March 2022.
- Variable licencing periods available to edu.au registrants
- Service requests during the reporting period, including complaints addressed and registry statistics
- Rejected applications across the edu.au space from applicants unable to meet the eligibility requirements of the .au Licensing Rules.

The Committee queried the auDA Reserve Names List, noting the importance for better awareness and clarification to applicants, that are initially rejected, on the eligibility and allocation requirements.

The Committee agreed that the development of webinar and online training modules on what .au direct means to edu.au would be helpful. [**ACTION:** CCO, May 2022].

9. EAC Review

The Chair noted that due to time constraints, the proposed EAC Review for Committee feedback would instead be arranged offline with individual members [**ACTION:** CoSec, May 2022].

No comment was noted.

10. auDA Update Member/Stakeholder Events Calendar

The Committee noted auDA's 2022 Member and Stakeholder Events schedule.

11. Meeting Close

It was noted that ESA's CEO, Andrew Smith, will speak to auDA on the mechanism to promote STEM careers, for consideration within its strategy.

No Other Business was noted.

The Meeting closed at 11.59pm.

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled Monday 15 August 2022 at 11.00am – 12.00pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: