

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 29 November 2021 / 3.00pm - 4.30pm AEDT	
Location	Teams Meeting	
Present	Andrew J. Smith, Committee Chair Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Craig Bennett – ACECQA Tony Panetta – Catholic Ed, WA Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW (<i>arrived at 3.18pm</i>)	Ben Jones, NSW DoE (<i>Representative for Phil Sherwin</i>) Andrew C. Smith, ESA Kris Cutmore, ESA Jenny McCloy, ESA
Also in attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Jackie Korhonen, auDA Director & Board Representative	Annaliese Williams, auDA Specialist Advisory, Policy
Apologies	Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Troy Williams – ITECA Juliana Shea, ISA John Koulouris, Director, Improvement, Innovation & Investment (DESE) Ian Sheldon, Acting Director, Internet Governance (DITRDC) Annaliese Williams, auDA Specialist Advisory, Policy	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.03pm, noting those invited to the meeting and those representatives who were apologies, confirming a quorum was present.

The Chair further noted auDA’s CEO, Rosemary Sinclair was an apology and confirmed that both the auDA’s COO, Bruce Tonkin and CPCO, Colin Brown, would address any Committee matters.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

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

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair invited the Company Secretary to update members on the Declarations template included in the meeting for Committee feedback, so a standing register can be tabled at future meetings.

The Chair confirmed from all present that there were no conflicts of interest to be declared.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 31 August 2021.

The Committee **confirmed** the 31 August 2021 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee noted the actions arising from the previous meeting.

6. Committee Terms of Reference Review

The Chair provided the Committee an update on the review and subsequent amendments to the tabled Terms of Reference (ToR), noting the purpose is to strengthen the edu.au domain framework.

No further feedback, comments or questions were noted.

The Committee **endorsed** the updated Terms of Reference for auDA Board approval.

7. ESA Quarterly Report

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the July – September 2021 reporting period was tabled.

The Chair invited Kris Cutmore from ESA to update the Committee on Key Activities as tabled within the report noting:

- The Registrar has completed the Validation Plan as required and submitted to auDA for review and approval.
- The renewal process under the new licensing rules and the Validation Plan both now require the same review and approval processes as applied to new registrations.
- The Chair queried the impact of .au Direct for edu.au domain direct registrations and noted a Communication and Marketing Plan to assist with consistent messaging, prior to March 2022, is being drafted by ESA in consultation with auDA.

Margot McNeill joined the meeting.

The Committee discussed the process and security checks for "name check availability".

The Committee noted Registrants that hold a .au domain licence in another namespace (e.g. com.au, id.au) will have the first opportunity to apply for priority to register its exact match in .au direct through a priority allocation process.

8. AuDA Overview

The Committee noted the *auDA Overview* Information Paper, prepared by auDA.

The Committee noted the update on the .au Direct launch as discussed in the previous agenda.

Critical Infrastructure Reform:

The Chair invited auDA's COO and Specialist Advisor, Policy to update the Committee on Cyber Security and the Critical Infrastructure Bill Reform.

The Committee noted that the first Bill to update the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (SOCl) will designate the Australian domain name system as critical infrastructure.

A second Bill will go to Parliament early in 2022 which will introduce a framework for managing risks relating to critical infrastructure.

The Committee noted further developments in 2022 of specific rules to the DNS sector, will be shared with members.

Privacy:

The Committee noted as part of the government's response to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's *Digital Platforms Inquiry*, the Attorney-General announced that the *Privacy Act 1988* would be reviewed.

It was further noted that an Issues paper was published for consultation and on 25 October 2021 a discussion paper was released seeking feedback on proposals for reform, with submissions to be received until 10 January 2022.

Foreign Interference:

AuDA's Specialist Advisor, Policy noted a Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media is expected to present its final report in May 2022.

9. University Legislation Update

AuDA's Specialist Advisor, Policy provided the Committee an update on the reservation of "universities" and "uni" in accordance with legislative requirements.

It was noted that exploratory discussions between auDA and ESA remain ongoing regarding the legislative impact on edu.au.

10. Role of Online Services in each of the Education Sectors

The Chair noted the role of online services in each of the Education Sectors has been adopted as a standing Item for Committee deliberation and contribution and invited feedback from the Committee.

No comment was noted.

11. Proposed 2022 Meeting Calendar

The Committee noted the following meeting dates scheduled for 2022:

- Monday 14 February 2022 @ 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Monday 16 May 2022 @ 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Monday 15 August 2022 @ 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Monday 14 November 2022 @ 11.00am - 12.00pm

Action: The Chair requested members provide feedback within one (1) week, should proposed meeting dates cause any conflict with other commitments.

It was noted in alignment with the Committee's Terms of Reference, a Workplan would be developed in consultation with the Committee Chair and brought forward to the next meeting. Members were encouraged to provide feedback to assist development.

It was further noted an Induction for new GASC & TASC Advisory members will be scheduled in 2022, with members from edu.au welcome to also participate and network.

12. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 3.46pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: