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Dear Sirs,

I was delighted to hear that auDA would be re-examining the future of the conf.au and info.au Australian 2LDs.

***Paper submitted to New Names Advisory Panel in 2002***

I wish to draw the attention of the New 2LDs Advisory Panel to my submission to the NNAP in 2002.

It is available on auDA's own website at:

<http://www.auda.org.au/pdf/new2lds-tearle.pdf>  
and attached for reference.

***Re-submission***

I hereby resubmit my 2002 submission for consideration and information to the panel. I have chosen to re-submit it verbatim as the issues and potential uses of the conf.au have not changed significantly. My only disappointment is that few examples of its use apart from "linux.conf.au" have existed in the interim.

***Commentary on recommendation from NNAP***

The NNAP recommended:

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- conf.au

The Panel is in unanimous agreement that the proposal to retain this existing 2LD should be recommended.

The Panel notes that auDA would need to undertake further consultation to develop suitable eligibility and allocation criteria for the 2LD, and that a marketing campaign would be useful in promoting its relevance among intended users.

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I welcomed this positive recommendation and noted the auDA Boards efforts to effect it.

### ***Issues of registry***

Minutes of the auDA board Meeting 13/10/2003 noted difficulties regards conf.au and obtaining details of current registrations.

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- \* info.au and conf.au

DK advised that info.au is now operating on AUNIC. Robert Elz has not responded to auDA's requests to provide the zone file for conf.au.

Action: CEO to request Melbourne University to provide a copy of the zone file for conf.au (from munnari).

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I urge the New 2LDs Advisory Panel to:

- consider means to effect a quick and efficient transfer of the registry function and consult appropriately
- examine models for low volume registries to be handled within the existing infrastructure supporting Australian domain names

### ***Issues of registrar***

My opinion is that the number of registrations in the conf.au 2LD is likely to be minimal in the short to medium term (up to 3 years).

The New 2LDs Advisory Panel should:

- consider whether manual processes and mechanisms on an appropriate fee for service basis could be used
- the merits of a single registrar during this period

### ***Contact Details***

I am available to be contacted further on my original proposal and my comments in this letter.

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Yours faithfully,

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