

Submissions: Proposed changes to the definition of Australian Presence and Not for Profit entity

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From: D. Caudwell

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I disagree that non-Australian NFPs should be permitted to register as “AU” domains. They are foreign, and that needs to be clearly understood by Australians when considering whether they want to support NFPs based overseas, or NFPs that are intrinsically and fundamentally Australian. For example, a NFP based in India which has a branch in Australia should have the domain name suffix “.org.in”, not “.org.au”. For a French NFP, it would be “org.fr”. This way, all Australians can understand what and who they are dealing with.

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From: J. Lawrence

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I support the intent of this proposed change and the wider objective of maintaining the high level of trust that the Australian community holds for the .org.au 2LD. I support the insertion of the new sub-clause 18 relating to Australian presence, however the Australian government 'recognises' foreign governments, it does not 'approve' them, so the verb recognised would appear to be more appropriate here. I also support the insertion of the new sub-clause 12 relating to Not-for-Profit entity, but again suggest that 'recognised by the Australian Government' is better wording here as that will also cater for situations where an embassy based in a third country (eg Singapore or New Zealand) is also providing services into Australia.