

Record of Meeting

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| Meeting | Technical Advisory Standing Committee Meeting | |
| Date / Time | Tuesday 7 September 2021 / 3.00 - 5.00pm AEDT | |
| Location | Teams Meeting | |
| Present | Nigel Phair (Incoming Interim Chair) Alexey Chernyak David Keegel Geoff Huston, AM | Zach de Koning John Graham (<i>joined at 3.05pm</i>) Sae Ra Germaine (<i>joined at 3.45pm</i>) Jonathan Gleeson |
| Also in attendance | Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Steph Viljoen, Mgr Compliance Analytics & Privacy Officer | Peter Elford, auDA Director Matthew Healy, auDA Director Madeleine Roberts (GASC Chair - Observer) Patrick Fair (Presenter for agenda 7) |
| Apologies | Bec Martin | |

1. Welcome and Introduction

The CEO opened the meeting at 3.03pm and welcomed Nigel Phair as the approved interim incoming Committee Chair.

The CEO noted auDA's Directors Peter Elford (Chair of auDA's Security & Risk Committee) and Matt Healy (auDA's Security & Risk Committee member) in attendance, to assist engagement with the Board.

Madeleine Roberts, Chair of GASC was noted to be invited as an observer at the meeting to assist engagement between auDA's Advisory Committees.

The CEO handed the Chair over to Nigel Phair who 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.

The Chair acknowledged his appointment as approved by the Board as Interim Chair, noting his prior involvement as a previous Director with auDA and outlined the purpose of the Committee meetings, emphasising the valuable technical support to the Board that TASC can provide.

It was noted a Workplan will be developed to provide support for the future focus of the Committee.

The Chair encouraged feedback from members to assist the future direction of TASC.

The Chair noted Patrick Fair from Patrick Fair Associates has been invited to present to the Committee on Cyber Security Regulatory Environment (agenda 7).

2. Approve Record of Meeting – 8 June 2021

The Committee reviewed the record of the meeting held 8 June 2021 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

3. Actions Arising from Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous actions.

4. Feedback on auDA's FY21-25 Strategy

The Chair invited the auDA CEO to provide an update on auDA's FY21-25 Strategy and its consultation process with multi-stakeholders.

It was noted that feedback from both individuals and organisations has been taken into consideration, confirming the proposed FY21-25 Strategy is scheduled to be approved by the Board at its September 2021 meeting.

The Framework for Digital Transformation of Australia i.e. modernising Business Registers; Digital Identity and impact of Cyber Security were noted.

The Committee provided feedback for consideration to the Company's Strategy Improvement, suggesting auDA could act as a steward to provide support to small businesses about best practice and be a source of guidance and support to help drive Cyber Security.

The CEO noted that auDA is:

- actively ISO27001 working with registrars to achieve this security standard ISO 27001; and
- working on launching auCheck as a tool to assist website security assessment.

The COO was invited to update the Committee on auDA's initiatives to educate and improve security.

The Chair suggested auDA refer to the UK NCSC which provides simple messaging for business operations.

5. auDA's Compliance Posture Statement

The Chair invited auDA's Manager of Compliance Analytics and Privacy Officer to provide the Committee an update on the auDA Compliance Transformation project with its Board approved Compliance Posture Statement and approach to:

- Communication and Educate
- Guide and Facilitate; and
- Enforce where breaches are not rectified.

The Committee noted auDA's Compliance priorities to uplift compliance in several key areas to enhance the trust, support greater transparency and accountability and preserve the integrity of the .au domain for Australians.

6. Department of Home Affairs Consultation Paper: *Protecting Critical Infrastructure & Systems of National Significance - August 2020*

The Committee noted the Consultation Paper, as tabled.

Sae Rae Germaine joined the meeting.

The Chair invited the CEO to discuss auDA's submission progress.

The CEO noted building a good relationship with Home Affairs and relevant advisors to discuss sector rules and avoid duplication of reporting obligations has been a key focus.

The Committee discussed the evolution of critical infrastructure and challenges with security obligations as described in the Consultation paper.

The Chair encouraged input from the Committee to assist auDA's submission.

The Chair suggested this agenda become a standing item in future for Committee deliberation and contribution, with a key presenter to be considered in 2022. [\[ACTION\]](#)

The CEO noted TASC will be utilised as a 'check point' for the proposed au check tool to better refine its output.

There were no further comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

Patrick Fair joined the meeting

7. Presentation: The Australian Cyber Security Regulatory Environment

The Chair welcomed and introduced Patrick Fair to the Committee and invited him to present to the Committee on The Australian Cyber Security Regulatory Environment.

The Committee noted the Cyber Security Overview Presentation, prepared by Patrick Fair.

The Committee noted key feature of Positive Security Obligations, which included:

- Overview of government programs
- Security focus in Security of Critical Infrastructure Rules
- Consultation on Strengthening Australia
- Observations and suggestions for the Committee

The Committee noted the suggested *Areas of Possible Focus*, as outlined by Patrick Fair.

The Committee discussed how to discharge responsibilities for positive security progress i.e. SOCI legislation.

The Chair suggested the areas of possible focus for the Committee, as tabled, become part of the Committee's future workplan for future deliberation and contribution [ACTION]

It was **agreed** a copy of the Presentation prepared by Patrick Fair would be distributed to the Committee [ACTION].

Patrick Fair left the meeting

8. Academic Partnerships

The Chair noted the importance to build relationships with academic colleagues to assist future focus and discussion.

The CEO was invited to provide an update on auDA Foundation and the relaunch of its Grants Program.

The Committee provided feedback, suggesting the following Academic and Research Networks to be considered:

- AARNet Pty Ltd
- CAUDIT
- Cybersecurity CRC; and
- University of Wollongong

9. Reconstitution of TASC Committee

The Chair invited auDA's CPCO to speak on the reconstitution of the Committee.

Committee members were encouraged to apply, noting a link will be circulated to members to provide their Expression of Interest [ACTION], with the Board scheduled to

approve member appointments at its November 2021 meeting, with appointments to commence in 2022.

10. Other Committee Matters raised by TASC Members

There were no comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

11. Proposed TASC Workplan

The Chair invited auDA's CPCO to update the Committee on a proposed Committee Workplan.

It was noted a workplan in alignment with the Committee's Terms of Reference would be drafted offline in consultation with the Committee Chair, for Committee review at its next scheduled meeting. [\[ACTION\]](#)

Committee members were invited to provide content suggestions.

12. AuDA Membership / Community Events Calendar

The CEO updated the Committee on auDA's future Community Events, noting online webinars and seminars are being progressed for member engagement.

The CEO confirmed engagement is a key focus for auDA, noting auDA seeks feedback from its multi-stakeholders to improve connection and assist shaping future events for 2022.

13. Meeting Close

The Chair confirmed there were no further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Chair thanked all members for their respective time and contribution at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 5.06pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Nigel Phair

Interim Committee Chair

Date: