

# Record of Meeting

Meeting	Technical Advisory Standing Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Tuesday 14 December 2021 / 3.00 – 5.00pm AEDT	
Location	Hybrid: Dexus Property Group, Auditorium Room, Level 14, 385 Bourke Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000 and <i>via Blue Jeans video conference</i>	
Present	Nigel Phair (Interim Chair) John Graham David Keegel Alexey Chernyak Geoff Huston, AM ( <i>via video conference</i> )	Zach de Koning Sae Ra Germaine ( <i>via video conference</i> ) Jonathan Gleeson ( <i>via video conference from 3.35pm</i> )
Also in attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO ( <i>arrived at 3.17pm</i> ) Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO ( <i>arrived at 3.12pm</i> ) Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Matthew Healy, auDA Director	Peter Elford, auDA Director ( <i>via video conference at 3.09pm</i> ) Patrick Fair (Guest)
Apologies	Bec Martin Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO	

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all present, noting those who were yet to join the meeting and opened the meeting at 3.05pm.

## 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. Approve Record of Meeting – 7 September 2021

The Committee reviewed the record of the meeting held 7 September 2021 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

## 4. Actions Arising from Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous actions.

## 5. Critical Infrastructure

The Chair noted the Critical Infrastructure standing agenda item as agreed at the last meeting for Committee discussion.

The Chair noted Hamish Hansford, Group Manager and Inaugural Head of the Australian Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre (<https://www.cisc.gov.au/>) would be invited to a future TASC meeting to provide members guidance on cyber security issues, including methods of protection and response to serious cyber security incidents.

Patrick Fair provided the Committee an update on the first Bill that was passed in November 2021 by both houses of Parliament to update the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (SOCI), noting a second Bill will go to Parliament early in 2022, which will introduce a framework for managing risks relating to critical infrastructure.

Asset Register obligations under the new SOCI Act and the definition of Critical Data Storage were noted and discussed.

The COO provided the Committee an update on the five options for cyber and information security risk management standards in the proposed Risk Management Program Rules, which the Committee discussed. It was noted auDA is already compliant with two of the options, being the Australian Cyber Security Centre's Essential Eight Maturity Model and AS ISO/IEC 27001:2015.

The Committee noted and discussed the *Reform of Australia's electronic surveillance framework*, published by Department of Home Affairs, seeking early views from interested stakeholders and members of the public to inform the development of a new framework..

The Committee noted the guiding principles to protect information and the cyber security standards proposed in the reform, and discussed the criteria for both risk evaluation and management, and its application to auDA's supply chain (including the registry, registrars, cloud service providers, and Software as a Service providers) that includes entities that have operations outside of Australia.

## 6. Academic Partnerships

The Chair emphasised the importance of building academic relationships, as discussed at the last meeting.

The CEO noted one of auDA's strategic projects is to invest to enable innovation and research by others, which includes establishing partnerships with research institutions to assist providing insight into the .au domain name system.

## 7. Reconstitution of TASC Committee

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

The CPCO noted that the Board met on 8 December 2021 and approved the members of GASC and TASC, noting communication to current members is currently in progress.

It was noted a formal announcement will be released on Thursday 16 December 2021, which will also be included in the members newsletter.

(See:<https://www.auda.org.au/statement/australian-technology-and-community-leaders-join-auda-advisory-committees>)

It was confirmed the appointment of approved candidates will then take effect on 1 January 2022.

## 8. Other Committee Matters raised by TASC Members

Alexey Chernyak updated the Committee on the Australia Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) releasing an alert on 10 December 2021 on the *remote code execution vulnerability found in the Log4j library* (<https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/alerts/critical-remote-code-execution-vulnerability-found-log4j2-library>) (which is a Java-based logging utility). Alexey noted that due to widespread use in popular frameworks, a large number of third party apps have been vulnerable to exploits.

**Action:** It was **agreed** auDA would notify registrars to check for this vulnerability in their systems.

The Committee queried the progress of the ASPI Security Check tool (auCheck), which was confirmed by the CEO to be launched in 2022. The Committee further discussed the importance and value for small businesses to receive support to avoid any potential vulnerabilities.

The CEO updated the Committee on some initial research undertaken by auDA into the *Digital Lives of Australians* and the key consumer and business findings which will inform further consideration of cyber security issues.

The CEO informed the Committee of the auDA Foundation 2021 Grants Program, noting the application process had produced a number of outstanding and quality applications with 15 applicants receiving funding to support various projects, noting a few of these successful applicants are focused on small businesses and cyber security.

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

## 9. 2022 Meeting Calendar

The Committee noted the following meeting dates scheduled for 2022:

- Tuesday 8 March 2022 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 7 June 2022 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 6 September 2022 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 6 December 2022 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm.

## 10. AuDA Membership / Community Events Calendar

The CPCO informed the Committee that Community Events for 2022 are currently in progress with the CCO and her Communications team.

The CEO noted the recent success of online webinars and seminars held, updating the Committee on future events to be scheduled in both Sydney and Melbourne locations in 2022, designed to assist in-person engagement with members.

It was noted an in-person member networking event is scheduled at the Hyatt Hotel Melbourne on Wednesday 15 December 2021 @ 5.00pm – 7.00pm, to which TASC members were warmly welcomed.

**Action:** The Chair noted members of the reconstituted TASC will consider subject matter experts for a future members event.

Further to the earlier discussion with the Committee, Patrick Fair provided clarity on the definition of Critical Infrastructure Assets, as outlined in the Explanatory Guide of the SOCI Act.

## 11. Meeting Close

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

The CEO thanked all members for their time, acknowledging the valuable contribution and professionalism from members during their tenure, including the effort and the support provided to auDA during extended remote periods.

The Meeting closed at 4.23pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**Nigel Phair**

Interim Committee Chair

Date: