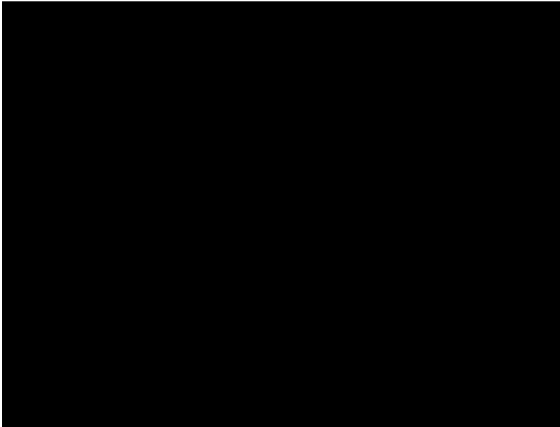




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**auDA - Policy review**

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2018 to Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for Communications and the Arts. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

I understand you are concerned about the proposed introduction of direct registration in the .au domain name space. The .au domain is managed by the .au Domain Administration (auDA), which has responsibility for setting and enforcing policies within .au. auDA is an independent not-for-profit organisation and is not part of the Australian Government.

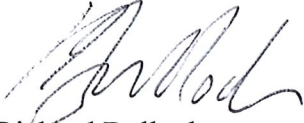
In September 2017, auDA established a multi-stakeholder advisory panel to consider and make recommendations on the reform of existing policies and the development of an implementation policy for direct registration. The panel is receiving submissions from the public until 4 March 2018.

I am aware that there are different views held within the Australian internet community on this issue. Ultimately, decisions regarding direct registration implementation are a matter for auDA's Board. However, the Department understands all views will be fully considered by the multi-stakeholder panel and the auDA Board.

For further information on auDA's policy review process or to make a submission to the panel, please visit **[www.auda.org.au](http://www.auda.org.au)** and select 'Policies' from the menu at the top of the page, then 'Policy Reviews' from the options on the left.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Minister's attention. I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Bullock', written in a cursive style.

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