

The hour is late, and while wishing I had time to make submissions on other aspects, I will concentrate on one I believe to be most important.

4a. I believe AuDA's management of second-level domains to have been mostly responsible to date.

4b. I believe AuDA's processes for introducing new 2LDs have been mostly appropriate.

4c. I believe the main disadvantage to accepting the push by a few people, mostly associated with one of the registrars who have AuDA board representation, to 'open up' .au to registrations at the second level, would be the complete devaluation of all existing 2LDs and the domains registered under them.

Under this proposal, com.au, net.au, asn.au, org.au and even gov.au would become merely a few of perhaps tens of thousands of other 2LDs, and this would lose most of the value built up over many years of identification and usage by millions of Australians.

This push would benefit nobody but Registrars, who would profit from the multitude of companies and organisations who might be lead to believe that there was a 'need' to register one more set of names, and who would undoubtedly, on form, push companies to the 'safety' of registering more domain names.

The only 'growth' required in .au is that there be sufficient domain names available for any business, organisation or individual to use for their purposes of mapping nanes to internet IP addresses. I believe this is already the case, and that more 2LDs will not address any real problem other than the disire of Registrars to double their business.

Thankyou,

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