

## **Terms of Reference: Registrar Liaison Committee**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Registrar Liaison Committee is to provide input on:

- the technical and services interfaces between the .au registry and registrars;
- the technical specifications for:
  - Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) Registrar-Registry registration system interface;
  - Registrar admin website portal for managing domain name records and accessing information such as reports (including lists of names available for re-registration) and billing;
  - WHOIS services – particularly the website portal and API interfaces such as Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP); and
  - Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) environments;
- services required to support registrars including payment options, technical support, and general customer support; and
- the testing plan to ensure the proper operation of the .au registry before it goes into production.

Whilst auDA will consider inputs of the Committee, it is not bound to implement or take any further action in respect of any suggestions.

### **Activity**

The Committee will be invited to provide inputs on improvements it would like to see made to the registry services. As draft specifications are developed, building on the existing technical specifications, the Committee will be invited to review and recommend improvements to the drafts.

### **Chair**

The Project Lead of the Registry Transformation Project: Bruce Tonkin

### **Members**

Membership of the Committee will be open to auDA accredited registrars. Generally only one member will be permitted from each group of affiliated registrars (i.e. common ownership), unless, in auDA's reasonable opinion, a member brings expertise that is not otherwise available on the Committee. It is intended that the Committee will consist of members that collectively have direct experience using the registry services, with knowledge of the relevant technical standards for each interface.

Membership of the Committee is on a voluntary basis. Committee members must be prepared to commit their time and effort.

### **Operations**

The Committee will operate via teleconference, and will likely involve a weekly call of 60 minutes duration.

The Chair will provide regular progress reports to the auDA CEO and Board.