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**From:** Karen Morrison <sales@gutterprotection.net.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 February 2018 11:56 PM  
**To:** auDA Policy Review  
**Subject:** RE: .AU DOMAIN NAMES

Hello there,

I can't believe what I have only found out today.

Is it true that even though I own [Gutterprotectionsystems.com.au](http://Gutterprotectionsystems.com.au) for example someone else will be eligible to register Gutterprotectionsystems.au without me being able to stop them?  
I understood that my domain name would be protected, but NO from everything I am reading this is no longer the intention.

Why would you want to destroy what has worked and been virtually sacred for 28 years with your current plans and to be able to have someone virtually steal my name from under me even though I own .com.au and use .au under my nose. I emphatically and totally disagree that this will be a good thing.

With a cut off date of 4<sup>th</sup> March NO-ONE knows about this as it has been done very quietly with little advertising. Without LinkedIn I would not have know about it.

Shame on you for the sneakiness of this with the latest updates of your intended plan.

I have no choice but to now publicly come out and say, **I no longer have any faith that Direct .AU Registrations are going to be a good idea. In fact, I feel that implementing Direct .AU Registrations are now going to do nothing but damage the reputation, value and trust of our Australian domain name ccTLD. auDA need to reverse their decision, about bringing Direct .AU Registrations into existence. It's clear this just isn't going to work.**

Cheers,

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