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Re: 2012 Industry Advisory Panel, Draft Recommendation Response

ISSUE 1 (A/B)

The Netregistry Group supports the recommendations of the panel favoring the commercial, competitive Registry model, and that a single Registry model is retained for existing 2LD's. Should other 2LD's be introduced in the period of any new contract, the Registry model for these should be evaluated individually if and as they arise.

As an entity operating a number of direct accreditations any requirement to connect to a new Registry provider would be a very expensive undertaking, the cost of which would ultimately be borne by the consumer at the registration level.

Accordingly, we very strongly favor a renegotiated contract with the existing provider, AusRegistry and if and as possible for the maximum recommended term of 4 years.

ISSUE 2

The Netregistry Group supports all recommendations, 2A-D put forward by the panel.

ISSUE 3

The Netregistry group strongly supports introduction of the ISS as a mandatory requirement for all accredited .au Registrars.

ISSUE 4

The Netregistry Group supports proposals 4A and 4B.

We strongly support recommendation 4C as it is an important step in the formal recognition of Resellers in the .au domain space. It furthermore will assist in identification of Reseller domains in the event of a Registrar failure in the current thick WHOIS model. Something that was not available in the Distribute.IT event of 2011.

ISSUE 5

The Netregistry Group supports Recommendations 5A-C. Specifically 5C which allows Resellers the ability to better manage their clients domains, in the best interest of their clients, and will improve the competitive landscape.

ISSUE 6

The Netregistry group supports the recommendation and strongly believes ownership of the review process around the Industry Code of Practice belongs with auDA.

Regards,
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