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Dear Adrian

I am writing to express the support of ISOC-AU for the AusRegistry proposal to operate the global registry for the .org domain.

AusRegistry has been selected as the operator of the .au registry that will go live in July. The selection of AusRegistry follows a careful process for establishing competition for Australian domain name services. AusRegistry was selected by the newly established .au Domain Administration body. ISOC-AU was involved in the detailed planning of names policy and competition issues in the lead up to this implementation. Key technical elements have been established by AusRegistry for operation of the .au registry and these will provide a useful basis on which to build effective operation of the .org registry in the globally Internet environment.

The size of AusRegistry's current operations is sufficient to provide an effective base of experience, but suitably small to enhance the development of competition in the provision of domain name services worldwide. The pursuit of effective competition has been a key objective of ICANN in development of the new international regime for DNS services.

ISOC-AU considers that the AusRegistry proposal should be given careful consideration by ICANN for two reasons:

First, increased diversity in the operations of DNS services will help to enhance competition and participation of an Australian organisation with experience in the .au domain will help to build diversity.

Second, AusRegistry has agreed to establish a useful process for governance of the .org domain that seeks to involve key non-profit organizations in harmony with the culture of organisations that typically use this domain. ISOC-AU is willing to participate in the process should the AusRegistry proposal be successful and would encourage full ISOC participation in that event.

I would be happy to provide further information should that be required.

Yours sincerely

Tony Hill
President

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