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Today the Australian Domain Administration Board (auDA) has approved a proposal for domain registrations in the .au namespace, for example "yourname.au". This good news opens new doors for domain registrations and is expected to have many benefits, such as:

- making more domain names available
- allow for shorter, more appealing and more memorable domain names
- give Australians more choice in deciding what domain name to register
- fulfilling market demand for country-level brand names
- being more attractive to individuals than the current option, id.au
- strengthening the .au brand in a globally competitive market



auDA is now undertaking a comprehensive policy development process and further stakeholder consultations determine the best approach for implementing direct registrations in the .au namespace. All changes will take into account the impact on existing registrants, in a manner that is consistent with the .au policy and regulatory framework.

The opening up of the .au domain space presents a good opportunity to capture previously unavailable key relevant domain names. It will also be important to protect your brand name by ensuring you own your brand domain.

These changes will take some time to implement. auDA will make further announcements during the year as work progresses. We'll keep you posted.

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