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Dear Ms Ewart

I refer to the *Review of the .au Domain Administration* (the Review) released on 18 April 2018, which resulted in new Terms of Endorsement for auDA and a range of recommendations for changes to governance. auDA committed to implement all of the recommendations of the Review over a two-year period.

Based on the recent 18-month checkpoint review of progress and consideration of the performance information contained in auDA's 2018-19 Annual Report, I am pleased to inform you that I consider auDA is meeting the expectations set by the Government.
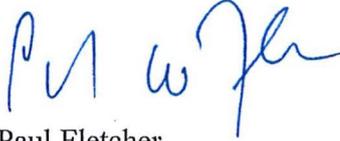
I acknowledge that auDA has undertaken a significant amount of work to meet the requirements of the Review since the 12-month checkpoint, based on the quarterly assessment held on 15 October 2019 and the release of auDA's 2018-19 Annual Report on 21 October 2019. A scorecard of progress summarising the Department's assessment is enclosed.

The Department considers that, overall, auDA is on track to achieve compliance with its Terms of Endorsement. I understand that a further five recommendations will be considered to have been met following the Board's reconstitution and auDA reporting on its performance at its Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2019.

I would encourage auDA to sustain its consultative approach to stakeholder engagement, as demonstrated recently in auDA's public consultations around proposed changes to its licensing rules and the direct registration policy. It is also encouraging to see the steady expansion of auDA's membership due to the company's outreach activities.

In keeping with principles of openness and transparency, I recommend that the Department and auDA jointly publish this letter on their respective websites.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fletcher

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.au Review recommendation scorecard

The Department monitors auDA's progress towards complying with the 29 recommendations of the .au Review (including sub-recommendations, there are a total of 43 action items, of which 38 are auDA's responsibility).

The Department's current assessment of auDA's progress against the recommendations is based on the 18-month checkpoint meeting between auDA and the Department held on 15 October 2019 and performance information provided in auDA's 2018-19 Annual Report, released on 21 October 2019. The current status of the recommendations is as follows:

	auDA's implementation of recommendations	#
	Overdue	-
	Not yet started (not overdue)	-
	Started / Behind schedule / at risk	-
	On track / satisfactory progress	10
	Completed	28

	Government's implementation of recommendations	#
	Overdue	-
	Not yet started (not overdue)	-
	Started / Behind schedule / at risk	-
	On track / satisfactory progress	5
	Completed	-