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**Subject:** RE: My Articles On Domainer

Dear Ned

My thanks for writing to me regarding the issue of the removal of the board agendas and minutes from the auDA website.

The auDA Board at its meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> of February unanimously resolved “to reform the Westlake Accountability and Transparency Framework to a more effective model and to cease publishing Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes and remove historical Board Meeting documents from the public website in order to comply with good governance practices”. This resolution has been acted upon; the issue around the removal of other documents, including annual reports, was due to genuine human error as these documents were archived in the same files as the Board Minutes. You have correctly observed this matter has been rectified.

This issue will be further considered at the next Board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month and any updates regarding this matter will be fully communicated via the member newsletter to ensure transparency for all members.

I do however reject the notion that I and auDA have ‘broken a promise’ around communication and transparency. Historically there were around 6 board meetings per year, resulting in the publishing of associated agendas and minutes and I offer no comment of the accuracy of those documents. Nonetheless my commitment at the AGM was clear – auDA needed to better communicate with its members and stakeholders and this has been the case. In fact auDA is communicating more regularly, with more information than it ever has. The monthly newsletter is testament to this.

Furthermore I would like to make a direct comparison with 2 of Australia’s leading public corporations – the ABC and CSIRO.

Whilst both organisations publish their board and committee charters, director responsibilities and protocols and other related governance documentation, they do not publish their board agendas or minutes. In fact CSIRO states clearly:

***Information publicly available on the operations of the Board***

*The following information is publicly available on the CSIRO website:*

- [Members of the Board](#) (profile and related party directorships and associations)
- *Terms of Board Members; and*
- *Board and Board Committee Charters and the Board Governance Document.*

I am therefore surprised that a similar standard of disclosure is not expected of the ABC and/or CSIRO. Is there a realistic suggestion that these organisations do not meet their public disclosure obligations?

I and the auDA board are firmly committed to further governance improvement and this is ongoing. Accordingly there will be more public announcements in the near future.

Best regards

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