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RICHARD O'SULLIVAN Commissioner of Consumer Affairs

WARNING OVER DOMAIN NAMES

Northern Territory businesses and community groups have been warned to watch out for misleading invoices from an Internet company.

Domain Names Australia has mailed more than 400,000 letters to schools, businesses and non profit bodies across Australia offering website address registration.

Consumer Affairs Commissioner Richard O'Sullivan said the letter demanded a payment of \$237 and gave an impression it was for renewal of the business domain name registration.

“At first glance, the letter looks like an invoice which could encourage a business to simply pay the amount,” Mr O'Sullivan said.

“Although it is not clearly stated, the letter is really an offer to register another version of your existing name on a website.”

Domain Names Australia are registered with website administrator Domain Administration (auDA).

The business is currently under investigation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

“Our advice to business and individuals is always to be vigilant and to never provide credit or personal details unless you are 100 per cent sure of who you are in contact with.”

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