



## National Information and Communications Technology Authority

### PUBLIC NOTICE

# MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY (MNP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION – BUSINESS RULE

The National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) hereby announces a public consultation under sections 189 and 229 of the NICTA Act. A Public Consultation discussion paper has been issued on Friday 20th October 2023 and the consultation will run for five weeks. The deadline for receipt of written submissions from interested parties is COB Friday 24th November 2023.

The table below summarizes the timeline for this consultation process and the subsequent decision-making and implementation process.

Event	Date
NICTA issues Consultation Document	<b>October 20, 2023</b>
Deadline for Respondent Questions on the Consultation	<b>October 30, 2023</b>
Initial Responses from Respondents	<b>November 24, 2023</b>
NICTA Assessment of Responses	<b>December 01, 2023</b>
Reply Responses from Respondents	<b>December 29, 2023</b>
NICTA Report to the Minister	<b>January 19, 2024 (estimated)</b>

This public consultation follows a similar exercise undertaken in 2016. At that time, it was concluded by NICTA and the Minister for ICT that it was not appropriate to implement MNP in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The Inquiry and Recommendations Report published in October

2017 stated that MNP should be implemented in PNG but not before a 'triggering event' has occurred. This could be either a) the issue of a licence to a new entrant mobile operator with resources that enable that operator to compete effectively with current market operators, or b) the financial strengthening of Kumul (Telikom/bmobile) to enable it to compete effectively and sustainably in the PNG mobile services market.

The mobile services market in PNG has changed significantly since 2016 and NICTA wishes to again seek the views from interested parties on this matter. In line with normal practice, NICTA has posted the Public Consultation discussion paper on its website (<https://www.nicta.gov.pg/category/consultations-inquiries/>). Procedural information on submissions to NICTA is set out in the 'guidelines on the submission of written comments to public consultations and public inquiries', which is also available at NICTA's Public Register.

NICTA urges the industry, interested members of the public and other stakeholders to download the Public Consultation discussion paper and submit their written comments before the due date.

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