

National Information and Communications Technology Authority

## **Public Consultation Notice**

In accordance with Sections 219(1) (c) and 229 of the National Information Communications and Technology Act 2009 ("the Act"), NICTA hereby gives notice to conduct public consultation on the Draft Guidelines relating to Market Analysis. NICTA invites stakeholders and interested parties to consider and comment on the Draft Guideline.

The guidelines set out the approach that NICTA will take to assess. Market definitions and to determine whether specific ICT markets are effectively competitive or not. Regulatory intervention may be necessary if desirable economic and social outcomes are unlikely to be delivered by a competitive market place. Through the Guidelines NICTA is seeking to make the approach to market analysis as predictable, certain and transparent as possible.

The public consultation will be conducted over a period of four (4) weeks commencing from the date of the release of the Consultation Paper. The consultation is intended to be paper-based where only written submissions and evidence shall be accepted and would not involve any public hearings.

All written submissions should be submitted by email to: **consultation.submission@nicta.gov.pg** by noon <u>Monday, August 25, 2016</u>. Copies of the submissions received will be published on NICTA's Public Register consistent with the requirements under subsection 229(3) of the Act. Any respondent that wishes to claim confidentiality over information that it submits should follow the procedures set out in the current Guidelines on the submission of written comments to public consultations and public inquiries, which are also available from NICTA's Public Register at www.nicta.gov.pg.

The Consultation Paper can be obtained from the NICTA Head Office located at Section 34, Lot 19 &20 Frangipani Street, Hohola, Port Moresby or downloaded from the NICTA Public Register. Please direct any enquiries on this matter to Mr. **Polume Lume** on telephone **3033272** 

The publication of this notice fulfils the requirements set out in s/229 of the Act

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