

NOTICE: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE POTENTIAL INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA



National Information and Communications Technology Authority

nd Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) has decided circumstances and evolution of the mobile services market in w timely to conduct a public enquiry to consider whether mobile be introduced. It will now proceed to do that in terms of the National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009

fers to the ability of a retail mobile customer of a mobile network er their mobile number with them when they become the retail network operator licensee. For many customers this ability may e social or commercial value that they consider their existing them.

Information Communications Technology Act 2009 (Act) requires lic inquiry under Section 230 of the Act and publish a discussion and benefits of implementing mobile number portability in Papua commenced the process of developing such a discussion paper able for public consultation and comment in the near future.

the public inquiry are as follows:

public inquiry into the potential implementation of Mobile IP) identifying the costs and benefits of implementing mobile NG with the following objectives:

- technical options for the implementation of number portability orks.
- short term and long term viability and risks of each of the identified above
- and indirect benefits to be gained from the introduction of rability in PNG.
- ts identified above as far as possible in order to arrive at the is for each technical option.
- ation on the cost recovery framework amongst the mobile ach technical option

- o understanding the demand for and actual benefits of MNP in PNG
- Consult with industry and stakeholders as part of the public inquiry process and any hearings.
- Following receipt of submissions or hearings, preparing a final report for submission the Minister by NICTA identifying:
 - o NICTA's recommendation whether the national numbering plan should be amended to implement mobile number portability in any form
 - o the basis for NICTA's recommendation
 - o the proposed form of rules or amendments to the national numbering plan
 - o the costs and benefits of implementing that form of number portability

The project is expected to be undertaken as follows:

- Collection of data to assist in the assessment of costs and benefits and in the development of a discussion document to accompany public consultation;
- Publication of the discussion paper and commencement of the public consultation process is expected approximately in September 2016.
- A public consultation period of around 4 weeks will be set for industry and public submissions commenting on the discussion document

NICTA will keep its website (www.nicta.org.pg) updated on the development of this matter and will invite public submissions and comment on the discussion paper in due course. In the meantime interested members of the public are invited to contact Kila Gulo-Vui c 3033227 or by email kgulovui@nicta.gov.pg of NICTA on any aspect of this project

This notice fulfils the requirements of section 231 of the Act

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