



# NICTA

National Information and Communications Technology Authority

## Public Notice

### Public Inquiry: Retail Service Determination

The National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) has decided to conduct a public inquiry into whether or not particular mobile telecommunications services supplied by Digicel (PNG) Limited should be subject to a retail service determination. A retail service determination is a regulation that is made by the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, based on a recommendation from NICTA, which can specify the retail pricing, service standards or pricing principles in relation to the supply of a particular retail service.

The terms of reference of the inquiry are to consider:

- (a) whether or not a recommendation should be made to the Minister under section 159 of the National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009 (the Act) that mobile originated national voice calls and/or messaging services, or any class thereof, supplied by Digicel should be subject to a retail service determination to control price discrimination between on-net and off-net calls; and, if so
- (b) the appropriate terms of such a retail service determination; and
- (c) the extent to which those terms would meet the retail regulation criteria in section 158 of the Act.

A discussion paper for the purposes of section 232 of the Act is available on NICTA's website ([www.nicta.gov.pg](http://www.nicta.gov.pg)) from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017. The public inquiry shall commence from that date and end in early January 2018. Up to date information on the inquiry shall be available from NICTA's website.

All written submissions should be submitted by email to: **consultation.submission@nicta.gov.pg** by close of business, January 8, 2018. 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](http://www.nicta.gov.pg).

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This notice fulfils the requirements of section 231 of the Act.



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