Public Consultation on the Proposed Variation to the License Condition Rule 2011 – Tolec Electronics Limited

I have read through this and cannot find anything that is relevant to TOLEC ELECTRONICS LTD and our supply of PAY TV DVBT Broadcast services to the residents of LAE.

Please advise if I have overlooked anything?

On another subject See below comments-

• Schedule 3A Provision of services using LEO satellite networks Added Subject to separate public consultation.

As per above **Schedule 3A** provision of LEO Satellite service to citizens of PNG- I realize the time limit for submissions has expired but just wish to state that this service is an <u>absolute necessity for the people of PNG</u> – over 90% of whom currently Do not and would not have access to affordable/reliable, hi speed internet unless a service like STARLINK is allowed to operate.!

Also those who currently have access to Internet in PNG (Including Tolec Electronics) this service is neither affordable/ reliable OR of a quality/speed that is expected of a 1st world country like PNG!

We the business owners/ citizens of PNG have been subjected to this Low standard/overpriced ISP Service in PNG since the inception of Internet in this country and we all deserve better.

NICTA now has the perfect opportunity to change the face of ISP and Internet access for the citizens of PNG by allowing LEO Satellite Internet into this country via STARLINK and other LEO service providers, in fact your department would be remiss in its duties and obligations to the People of PNG if it chooses to ignore / disallow this service in the country. I have this service installed in Australia and can testify to the –

• EASE OF INSTALLATION- **ANYONE** can install as the antenna self-aligns – just requires an uninterrupted view of the sky (this takes away expensive install costs for the customer, thus making more affordable for grass roots customer)

The entire install takes less than an hour including registration of service level required!

- HARDWARE REQUIRED- Just the self-aligning antenna, cable and router em tasol! low cost/easy
- HI SPEED This would currently be the fasted available internet in PNG -Excluding Fibre
- LOW COST- The price based on Hardware, labour install and DATA speed is the lowest cost of any current ISP in PNG

I understand NICTA has an obligation to the current crop of ISP's who now operate in PNG —but in order for NICTA to increase the uptake of ISP related service in PNG and make it accessible to those in PNG who currently cannot access or who could not access due to the constraints imposed by the current ISP's in PNG- i.e.:- High/EXCESSIVE cost of data plans, (unregulated as far as I can tell !!) excessive hardware cost, Excessive install/labour costs. etc.

As such I believe as per my above comments and below (1) it is your (NICTA) mandated duty to allow this service to compete in PNG.

(1) The functions and powers of NICTA are set out in Part II of the Act.

The primary objective of the Act is to ensure that the ICT industry <u>contributes to the greatest extent possible the long term economic and social development of Papua New Guinea.</u>

I could go on about the benefits of LEO service in PNG but I'm sure your all well aware of this already... AS NOTHING will change regarding the Uptake of ISP services in PNG ,UNLESS the overall costs involved are REDUCED!

I hope you make the correct decision for the citizens of PNG.

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