

TRR releases consultation paper on radio apparatus licence fees

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR) has, yesterday, released its consultation paper on Radio Apparatus Licence Fees and Procedures, for public comment. This paper addresses the methodology for the new way that TRR intends to set radio apparatus licence fees. The paper also sets out proposed procedures governing licence applications and licence renewal applications.

In this consultation paper TRR discusses the principles applicable to the setting of radio apparatus licence fees; in particular, it emphasizes the importance of administrative cost recovery.

TRR is responsible, under section 7(2)(e) of the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulations Act-No. 30 of 2009 (the "Act"), to "allocate, assign and manage the radio spectrum".

Section 7(4) grants to TRR powers in relation to "prescribing stand-

ard terms in various licences and exemptions; or prescribing procedures, forms and fees in respect of any licence or exception or anything which might be done by any person under this Act, except the provision of reasons for any decision by the Regulator; or providing for the methodology by which any calculation required to be made under this Act is to be made".

The deadline for comments to be received by TRR is 4 pm Friday 31 May 2013.

The Consultation Paper can be obtained via the following methods:

(i) Download from the TRR website at www.trr.vu by "Public Consultation" tab; or

(ii) Send an email to enquiries@trr.vu requesting a copy to be sent to your email address; or

(iii) Visit the TRR Office, at Level 1, Ocean Walk (next to Bred Bank), Lini Highway, Port Vila, to obtain a copy of the document.