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TELECOM REGULATOR CONSULTS ON THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANAGING THE INTERNET IN VANUATU

A growing number of ni Vanuatu are taking up internet services either for business or just to communicate with friends and family. Vanuatu has it's own country code Domain Name ending in **.vu** . The allocation of domain names to people to use for example their company web site, is managed by TVL. However other operators such as Digicel, Telsat and Can'l may also wish to be a full Internet Services Provider (ISP) and allocate such domain names to their customers without referring to TVL.

The Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR) is therefore reviewing arrangements for the management of Vanuatu's country code top-level domain (ccTLD) **.vu**, for internet services. Introducing competitive ISPs requires consideration of the arrangements for governance of Internet operations which in turn leads to question of how domain names and other aspects of Internet services should be managed to ensure that all ISPs including Telecom Vanuatu Limited (TVL) have equitable access to the necessary Internet resources. Emphasis will be placed on Technical and Administrative Management of the Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) namely the **.VU** domain code.

TRR is also consulting on an Internet Content Codes of Practice (ICP). The ICP intends to provide guidelines that promote industry self-regulation concerning the type of content prepared and distributed over the internet in Vanuatu. Louise Nasak, the Internet Market and Governance Manager at TRR said "The aim of the internet code of practice is to guide ISPs and content producers in producing acceptable material and support the protection of Children/Minors from viewing unsuitable content." Additionally, the ICP aims to promote and encourage end user confidence and uptake in the use of the Internet in Vanuatu.

If you wish to have your views considered, you are invited to provide your written comments to assist the Regulator in preparing the final proposals. All submissions must be made before 4.30pm on 21 November 2012. Copies of the consultations papers can be obtained from the Office of the TRR, or downloaded from the Telecom Regulator's website at:

http://www.trr.vu/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=17&Itemid=22&lang=en

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