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# PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE

## PLANNING FOR THE FIXED SERVICE SPECTRUM BAND IN VANUATU

The Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR) has, on Friday 27 June 2014, released its Consultation Paper on the **Fixed Service Band Planning in Vanuatu**, for public comment.

Fixed services, otherwise called microwave fixed point-to-point links, provide essential backhaul to a variety of services including mobile base stations, air traffic control radar, electricity distribution systems and internet connectivity. Fixed microwave radio services (the fixed service) provides medium to high capacity connectivity between two points or between a central point and stations within a given area where access to cable or optical fibre is not available or economically viable.

The paper presents options for planning, including suggested bands for fixed microwave systems, bands that should be set aside for the provision of ubiquitous satellite services, and bands that should be set aside for future mobile telephony and mobile broadband services. The paper has been developed to facilitate the planning and allocation of radiofrequency spectrum for fixed services in Vanuatu, and ensure all stakeholders are fully aware of such developments and that their views are injected.

The Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulation Act 2009 mandates TRR to regulate the telecommunications sector and to manage the radio frequency spectrum, in order to promote national social and economic development.

Through the release of this Consultation Paper, TRR is initiating public consultation on the technical framework for the allocation of radio frequencies, to interested parties for the deployment of fixed services. Comments on the paper are invited and welcomed, and sought from the industry, Government Agencies and other interested parties on the proposed band plans and technical parameters.

Copies of the Consultation Document can be obtained from the TRR Office or downloaded from TRR's website at [www.trr.vu](http://www.trr.vu). If you would like a copy sent to you by email, please request this through [enquiries@trr.vu](mailto:enquiries@trr.vu)

- TRR will accept comments in English, French or Bislama;
- If comments are submitted in printed format, they must be submitted on A4 paper accompanied, wherever possible, by a disk containing the comments, in electronic format;
- Comments on this consultation document should be provided to TRR via the following means:

Email address [consultation@trr.vu](mailto:consultation@trr.vu)

Faxed to (678) 24470

Posted or hand delivered to:

**Public Input – Fixed Service Spectrum Band Planning in Vanuatu**

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- The deadline for public Comments is **4pm, 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2014**. Please note that TRR's consultation timeframe in accordance with TRR's Consultation Guidelines is normally 28 days. For this plan, TRR considers a 6 week review period is necessary.
- For any phone enquiries regarding this Consultation document, please call the following numbers: (678)27621 or (678) 27487
- TRR will consider every comment submitted when finalizing its report or decision. For transparency, a record of every comment received will be made available for public information, unless comments are labeled 'In Confidence';
- For more information about TRR's Consultation Guidelines, please visit the following website <http://www.trr.vu/index.php/en/public-register/consultations>
- You are welcome to visit our website <http://www.trr.vu> for more details on the latest developments in the telecommunication services industry and other related matters.

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