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## **Summary of comments made in submissions for the Consultation on Telecommunications Class Exception: On-Premises Supply of Wifi Internet Connectivity by Hotels, Cafés, Bars, Restaurants and Like Businesses**

The Consultation on the Telecommunications Class Exception: On-Premises Supply of Wifi Internet Connectivity by Hotels, Cafés, Bars, Restaurants and Like Businesses was issued on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and the deadline for submissions was 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Only two submissions were received on this Consultation. One was from the Vanuatu Hotels and Resorts Association (VHRA), and the other from an interested individual.

The key comments in the submission are set out by the questions replied to below together with TRR's response in each case.

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Item	From	Comment	TRR Response
<b>Q1 Do you support TRR's proposal to provide the proposed Exceptions?</b>			
1.1	VHRA	Re Q1: "Yes with 2 conditions."	Noted. TRR appreciates VHRA's views on the consultation document and for supporting the approach taken by TRR.
<b>Q3 Is there any other terms and conditions you want the Regulator to take into consideration when finalizing the document?</b>			
2.1	VHRA	VHRA support the class exception with 2 conditions: "Condition 1: The Telecom licence exception application must be free of charge for the business that applies and no fees or levy are involved.	To Condition 1: TRR has not at this time included in the Exception an annual fee for persons subject to the Exception. If TRR considers that it is appropriate in the future to levy such a

		<p>Condition 2: The licence exemption does not grant any right to any service providers to charge extra cost or apply different internet access rate to these businesses holding Telecom exception.”</p>	<p>fee, it would first consult in advance with those affected in relation to any proposed amendment to the Exception.</p> <p>To Condition 2: It is correct that the Exception does not itself regulate prices charged by operators to persons within the Exception. The legislation and licenses of operators have provisions that relate to such pricing. If an Exception holder believes that prices or charges from an operator or operator are discriminatory or unreasonable, it may advise TRR and make a complaint setting out its claims.</p>
2.2	Interested individuals- Vanuatu citizen	To consider WI-FI services provided in Ships, planes or similar	<p>Noted: As this is a somewhat different class of person, TRR will consider separately whether an Exception or Exceptions are necessary or appropriate for such persons.</p>