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Abstract:

Mobile voice and data service offerings vary dramatically across different operators and different markets, so that simple price comparisons do not show the whole picture. We take our well-known price benchmarking technique to a new level, to illustrate the extent of market transformation since our first Pacific benchmarks in 2008 and explore ICT accessibility and affordability as it really is now for Pacific consumers.

Biodata:

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