

Niue's Regulated Trial Licence for Starlink Satellite Internet

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Niue

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

After banning unlicensed Starlink use with fines and jail time, Niue's government granted SpaceX a monitored 12-month trial licence in 2026 to complement the state telecom's fibre network — a cautious, reversible way to regulate satellite internet in a nation of 1,600 people.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	0/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

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Data sources

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