

# Norfolk Island Regional Council

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ILLEGAL DOWNLOADS**

Over the last few months Norfolk Telecom has been contacted several times by IP Echelon, a law firm acting on behalf of Paramount Pictures Corporation and informed us that there have been video files illegally downloaded by users on our network. As an Internet Service Provider (ISP), Norfolk Telecom has an obligation to ensure that any customer that illegally downloads any video files in breach of copyright laws is warned about their actions being identified. Customers are hereby warned, relevant to the Privacy Act 1988 (CTH) and our Privacy Statement issued from time to time, that any information that we may hold which may be evidence of an illegal act may be disclosed to the relevant copyright owner and/or to any law enforcement agency for the purpose of possible legal proceedings against the alleged offender.

Norfolk Telecom advises that anyone who illegally downloads video files off the internet is potentially at risk of fines and/or court proceedings. Any owners of computers the IP address of which may be identified as being used for any illegal act should ensure that they are aware of who is using their computers and the purpose for which the computer is being used.

This is a reminder that if you do or allow someone else to use your computer to do the wrong thing, then you could be faced with the embarrassment of an official call or a visit regarding such alleged illegal actions.

All customers of Norfolk Telecom and computer users in Norfolk Island generally are requested to please refrain from downloading illegal copies of movies. Norfolk Telecom accepts no liability whatsoever for any illegal actions done on its internet network at any time.

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