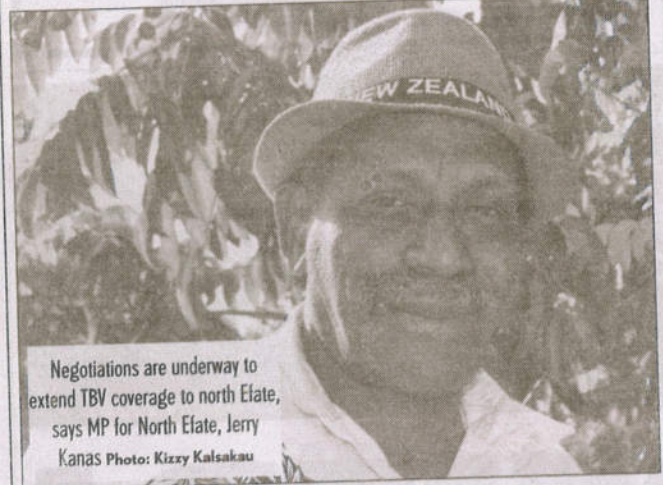


MP negotiating for TBV coverage to constituency



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Negotiations are underway to extend TBV coverage to north Efate, says MP for North Efate, Jerry Kanas Photo: Kizzy Kalsakau

North Efate is only a few minutes drive from Port Vila but it is taking a very long time for the people there to access Television Blong Vanuatu (TBV), said the Member of Parliament (MP) for north Efate, Jerry Kanas.

The people from north Efate had to move to town at their own costs in order to watch the World Cup matches currently underway in Russia, the MP has stressed.

The World Cup is the world's biggest sporting event and it cannot be missed. Football fans from north Efate had to come to town just to cheer for their teams that are participating.

This has been the common practice since independence, not only during world cup events but other major sporting events and entertainments, said the MP.

But this may all change soon — MP Kanas has announced that soon people in his

constituency will be enjoying television just like residents in town, as negotiations are underway to extend TBV coverage to north Efate and offshore islands.

He said he is working with the Prime Ministers' Office (PMO) and the Vanuatu Broadcasting Television Corporation to ensure all digital equipments such as transmitters are installed to make this possible.

MP Kanas said he wants to ensure that TBV coverage

reaches his constituency, so that everyone can get news on politics, environment including sports and also, for children and youth to access a wide range of educational programs.

If realized, it will be a milestone for north Efate.

This initiative favors national plans of expanding telecommunication services throughout the country, MP Kanas told Kizzy Kalsakau from Buzz 96's Vanuatu Nightly News.