

## **PROGRAMMING POLICY**

### **Introduction**

The Board of Print Radio Tasmania is committed, in accordance with the constitution of the Incorporated Association, to provide programs that are appropriate for our community of interests, namely those that are vision impaired and/or lack literacy skills or are physically incapable of handling reading material. The Board aims to provide a broad and diverse range of reading sources and subject matter to cater for difficulties in accessing such reading material.

### **Purpose**

This policy has been developed to provide guidance for those:

1. Volunteers involved in producing or reading material for locally produced program content,
2. Volunteers involved in live Broadcast, and
3. Those producing material for Community Support Announcements

### **Policy**

All Volunteers, and where occasion dictates employees, will not broadcast material that may:

- incite, encourage, or present for its own sake violence or brutality,
- mislead or alarm listeners by simulating news or events,
- glamorise, sensationalise, or present situations of a tragic nature in any way different to that expressly dictated in the media being read.
- present as desirable the use of illegal drugs, the misuse of tobacco or alcohol as well as other harmful substances, and
- Broadcast material that should not provide explicit details about the method and/or location of a suicide attempt or death.

We will attempt to avoid censorship where possible. In our programming decisions, however, we will consider our community interest, context, degree of explicitness, the possibility of alarming the listener, the potential for distress or shock, prevailing Indigenous laws or community standards and the social importance of the broadcast.

We will not broadcast material that is likely to stereotype, incite, vilify, or perpetuate hatred against, or attempt to demean any person or group, based on ethnicity, nationality, race, language, gender, sexuality, religion, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, cultural belief, or political affiliation. The requirement is not intended to prevent the broadcast of material which is factual, or the expression of genuinely held opinion in a news or current affairs program or in the legitimate context of a humorous, satirical, or dramatic work.

The Association's Committee of Management is responsible for the Policy and Procedures of the radio station and considers all requests from potential broadcasters. To this end a sub-committee for programming has been enabled.

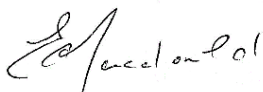
The following criteria will be applied to those requests for program content and airtime, both paid, as in the case of community support announcement campaigns and unpaid volunteer-based programs.

The person or body making the request must:

- (a) be a "not-for profit" incorporated body or charitable organisation or Community Association or government body, who must show that the program airtime will not be used as part of a profit-making enterprise or political lobbying.
- (b) comply with the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act (1992)
- (c) comply with the Codes of Practice and Policy of RPH Australia and the C.B.A.A.
- (d) include at the beginning of any program, where necessary, a clear indication to the listener as to the fact that the program may contain language or themes of an adult or explicit nature.
- (e) give assurances that the airtime requested will present program material which is not provided in such depth by other broadcasters in the locality covered by the station transmissions.

The person or body may cover information on the following topics, but is not limited to religion, health, sport, environment, welfare, disability issues, science and technology, community information.

Print Radio Tasmania Inc. has a strong commitment to the local Tasmanian community. To this end, programs of local content, or by local broadcasters will always be given preference. As well, requests on behalf of or by organisations or people engaged with disabilities will be considered strongly, as it is considered that disability specific content is not a strong feature of programming from other Tasmanian broadcasters and complies with the spirit of the licence.



President on behalf of the Management Committee  
Print Radio Tasmania Inc.  
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