



## **Offensive Language and Inappropriate Content Policy**

### **Background**

The Management Committee of Braidwood Radio FM hopes that all presenters at the Station will combine self-censorship and common sense in their choice of content and the language they use on air.

However it is expected that at all times in programming decisions, presenters will consider community standards, context, degree of explicitness, listener alarm factors and prevailing laws regarding such things as Indigenous Rights, Child safety etc.

This policy is not designed to stifle the broadcasting of material that is factual or expresses the genuinely held opinions of a news or current affairs program or in the legitimate context of a humorous, satirical or dramatic work.

Programming practices must at all times protect children from harmful material.

### **Procedure**

#### **Intentional Use of Offensive Language**

The Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice – requires broadcasters to consider their audience at all times and in particular when broadcasting material that contains language that some community members may consider offensive and which may inadvertently impact on the associated program.

Braidwood radio FM requires that:

- Presenters do not intentionally use offensive language themselves on air or deliberately use content containing offensive language
- No content containing offensive language is broadcast particularly between the hours of 7:00AM and 4:00PM
- If content that contains intentionally offensive language(EG Music Tracks) is to be played between 4:00PM and 7:00AM then a suitable warning is to be given prior to each track or bracket of music
- No minor may be on the studio premises at a time when offensive language is played between 4:00PM and 6:00AM

## **Inappropriate Content**

No material will be broadcast that contravenes CBAA Codes of Practice 3.3

Presenters are not to present material that is likely to stereotype, incite, vilify, or perpetuate hatred against, or attempt to demean any person or group, on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, language, gender, sexuality, religion, age, physical and mental ability, occupation, cultural belief or political affiliation.

Presenters and their studio guests have the responsibility to adhere to the above recommendation and failure to adhere to this will necessitate action by the Management Committee.

Depending on the seriousness of the contravention of the policy and the number of offences, the Management Committee reserves the right to either - reassign the presenter to a more appropriate time slot, suspend the presenter from on-air for a specified period of time or cancel the presenters show and their membership of Braidwood Radio FM .

[Reference – CBAA Codes of Practice – Coded 3 / 3.3](#)