

Codes of Practice - Code 4: Indigenous programming and coverage of Indigenous issues

Print

Share

The Community Radio Codes of Practice (the Codes) set out the guiding principles and policies for programming on community broadcasting stations. They also outline the operational standards for stations that hold a community broadcasting licence.

Purpose: To acknowledge the unique status of Indigenous peoples as the first Australians and to offer a way to demonstrate respect for their cultures and customs. In the Code 'Indigenous Australians' refers to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

1. We will seek to involve and take advice from Indigenous Australians in the production of programs focusing on Indigenous Australians and issues. Where possible, we will consult the appropriate Indigenous media organisation broadcaster on appropriate forms of communication.
2. When reporting on Indigenous peoples and issues, we will take care to verify and observe the best way to respect culture and customs by:
 1. considering regional differences, that is, be mindful of differences between Indigenous local groups,
 2. using appropriate words and phrases in referring to Indigenous peoples and their regional groups,
 3. seeking proper advice on how to best respect Indigenous bereavement customs when reporting on people who are recently deceased, and
 4. using suitable words and phrases when reporting on the social and emotional well-being of Indigenous people.