

BOWEN COMMUNITY BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION INC.
95.1 GEMFM



PROGRAMMING POLICY

Interpretation:

The Act: The Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (BSA)

The Code: The Community Radio Broadcasting Codes of Practice 2008 (CBAA) -Code 2.2

ACMA: Australian Communications and Media Authority

Purpose

Our policies and procedures will include mechanisms to enable active participation by our community in station management, programming, and general operations. To abide by the Community Radio Broadcasting Codes of Practice. To be read in conjunction with Policy 2.1 Community Participation.

Policy- we recognise and acknowledge that we shall:

1. Make broadcasting accessible to all individual and all sections of the community seeking access.
2. Expand meaningful programming choice to satisfy a wide diversity of needs and interests of listeners, whether numerous or not.
3. To provide programs that meet the needs of the local community and are consistent with the station's objectives.
4. Provide community access programs, high quality music and other programs considered suitable for broadcasting.
5. Offer access to facilities and personnel to all members of communities within 95.1 GEMFM's area of interest and/or groups to produce and broadcast their programs.
6. Seek to promote public awareness of the potential of community broadcasting, encouraging the community to produce its own programs.
7. Continue to represent the community interest we represented at the time our licence was allocated or last renewed.

95.1GEMFM shall present programs that:

- Are specifically aimed at the community it serves.
- Provide, as far as possible alternative programs to those presented by other broadcasters
- Are presented at a standard acceptable to the community.
- Are innovative.
- Entertain and inform.
- Comply with BSA act, The Code, and 95.1 GEMFM Constitution
- Are in response to the expressed wished and needs of the community.

95.1 GEMFM shall not broadcast material that may:

- Incite, encourage, or present gratuitous violence or brutality.
- Present as desirable the use or misuse of drugs including alcohol, tobacco or narcotics.
- Promote or encourage excessive gambling.
- Contravene anti-discrimination legislation.
- Denigrate any sector of the community.
- Shock, anger, or distress members of the community.
- Be harmful to children, without giving reasonable warning.

Programming Policy

- Present suicide as a solution to a problem or broadcast details about suicide like methods or location.
- Defame any person.
- Be abusive towards any member of the community.
- That contains obscenities or profane language.

Program Guidelines:

- 95.1 GEMFM has the right to censor any programs that go to air but may cause alarm, distress, or offend.
- Where a program may cause alarm, distress, shock or offend, 95.1 GEMFM shall:
 - (a) Consider the programs merit, social significance, and importance.
 - (b) If appropriate broadcast a warning before the program goes to air.
- 95.1 GEMFM shall not broadcast programs that contain material that stereotypes any person or group. Vilifies, incites, or perpetrates hatred or demeans them on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, gender, sexual preference, age, religion, physical or mental ability, occupation, cultural belief or political affiliation.
- 95.1 GEMFM shall protect children from harmful program material and will through its station manager and/or programs committee monitor all program proposals and programs for material that may be (or may potentially be) detrimental to, harm or upset any child.
- 95.1 GEMFM will respect the legitimate rights of individuals to privacy and will not broadcast material:
 - (a) That has been obtained without consent of that person.
 - (b) Is otherwise an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
 - (c) That has been recorded without the consent of any person unless the manner and nature of the recording made it clear that the material is to be broadcast.
- All music programs shall endeavour to ensure that compliance with Australian Content requirements is met. Refer Music Policy.

News and Journalistic Content presented on 95.1 GEMFM shall:

- Be relevant to the community.
- Cover matters of interest to the community with particular emphasis on issues not covered by other media.
- Respond to community interests.
- Be presented factually, accurately, responsibly, and fairly.
- Be presented in accordance with best practice standards of journalism.
- Be sensitive to minority groups.
- Provide access to views represented by other broadcasters and media.
- Ensure that reasonable efforts are made to correct any substantial errors of fact.
- Distinguish fact from commentary and analysis.
- Not present news or events in a manner that will mislead or alarm listeners.
- Not misrepresent a viewpoint by giving undue or misleading emphasis, editing out of context, omitting relevant comments, or withholding relevant available facts.