

On-Air Code of Conduct

To reflect the community spirit of Kangaroo Island while meeting [CBAA Code of Practice](#) standards, here is a professional on-air code of conduct:

1. Anti-Discrimination and Vilification

We are committed to a respectful broadcasting environment that celebrates the diversity of Kangaroo Island and Australia.

- **Zero Tolerance for Demeaning Material:** You must not broadcast content that is likely to stereotype, incite hatred against, vilify, or demean any person or group on the basis of:
 - **Race, Ethnicity, or Nationality.**
 - **Religion or Cultural Beliefs.**
 - **Gender, Sex, or Sexual Orientation.**
 - **Physical or Mental Disability.**
 - **Age, Occupation, or Political Affiliation.**
- **Exception:** This does not prevent the broadcast of factual material, genuinely held opinions in news, or legitimate satire, provided it does not incite serious contempt or ridicule.

2. General Programming Standards

- **Clean Content:** All broadcasts must be "family-friendly" and must not contain adult or offensive lyrics or language.
- **Harmful Substances:** Do not present the use of illegal drugs or the misuse of tobacco or alcohol as desirable.
- **Community Interest:** Programming decisions must align with contemporary community standards and reflect the diverse needs of Kangaroo Island.
- **Suicide Prevention:** Do not present suicide as a solution to life's problems or provide explicit details about methods or locations.

3. News and Journalistic Integrity

- **Accuracy:** Present all factual material accurately and correct substantial errors as quickly as possible.
- **Impartiality:** News must be presented with due impartiality, and commentary must be clearly distinguished from factual news.

- **Privacy:** Respect individual privacy and do not broadcast personal affairs unless there is a clear public interest or informed consent.

4. First Nations Representation

- **Self-Determination:** We are committed to the self-determination of First Nations peoples.
- **Priority Voices:** Prioritise First Nations voices when reporting on or discussing Indigenous issues.

5. Local Requirements (Kangaroo Island Specific)

- **Community Involvement:** Use "Station Tags" and [outside broadcasts](#) to involve local businesses, groups, and individuals.
- **Emergency Information:** Be prepared to broadcast [emergency or community safety](#) information (e.g., hot weather alerts) when required.
- **Station Loop:** Always switch back to the station loop music immediately after your show has finished.

6. Governance and Complaints

- **Transparency:** A copy of this Code must be accessible on the station's website, and an on-air announcement about the Codes must be made at least once per week.
- **Complaints:** Listeners have the right to lodge a complaint, which the station must respond to within 60 days. If unsatisfied, they may contact the [Australian Communications and Media Authority \(ACMA\)](#).