

APPENDIX 18: BROADCASTING GUIDELINES

Resolution agreed by the Assembly on 7 March 2002 (as amended 17 March 2005 and 23 June 2005)

That—

- (1) Pursuant to section 5 (2) of the *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting) Act 2001*, the Legislative Assembly agrees to the following guidelines for the broadcasting of Assembly and committee proceedings:

Guidelines for Broadcasting the Public Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees

These guidelines apply to the broadcasting of Legislative Assembly and committee proceedings to the public by radio, television, landline, the internet or any other electronic means.

The broadcasting of proceedings is only permitted subject to the conditions outlined below. Permission to broadcast proceedings shall be on the basis of an undertaking to observe these conditions: (See also *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting) Act 2001*)

- (a) Persons or organisations intending to record for broadcast proceedings in the Legislative Assembly chamber must seek the approval of the Speaker in writing giving reasonable notice.
- (b) Persons or organisations intending to record for broadcast committee proceedings will be able to do so, unless a member of the committee or a witness objects.
- (c) A witness at a public hearing of a committee shall be advised in advance of appearing that the proceedings may be recorded for broadcast. A witness shall be given reasonable opportunity to object and to state the ground of the objection.
- (d) A person who has been granted access to record for broadcast the proceedings shall observe the following conditions:
 - (i) as a general principle, cameras should focus on the Member or witness with the call;
 - (ii) reaction shots of a Member are only permitted:
 - (A) if the Member is referred to in debate;
 - (B) if the Member has sought information which is being supplied by a Member having the call;
 - (iii) coverage of the Galleries is not permitted;
 - (iv) recording of protests or demonstrations is not permitted;
 - (v) panning along the Benches is not permitted;
 - (vi) close-up shots of Members' or witnesses' papers are not permitted;
 - (vii) camera positioning is not to interfere with the proceedings of the Assembly nor of the conduct of a public hearing of a committee of the Legislative Assembly;
 - (viii) the use of flash, other sources of additional light and motor driven cameras is not permitted;
 - (ix) any instruction from the Speaker/Presiding Member or their delegate is to be observed;

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- (e) Recording of public proceedings should be a fair and accurate record of events and must not be used for:
 - (i) the purpose of satire or ridicule;
 - (ii) advertising for or by political parties or electioneering; or
 - (iii) commercial advertising or sponsorship;
 - (f) A witness at a public hearing of a committee shall be advised in advance of appearing that the proceedings may be recorded and broadcast. A witness shall be given reasonable opportunity to object to the recording and/or broadcast of their evidence and state the ground of the objection;
 - (g) Persons/organisations wishing to broadcast or record for broadcast the public proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and its committees must complete the relevant form; and
 - (h) Persons/organisations intending to record visual images in the Chamber and/or Committee Rooms must seek the approval of the Speaker (in the case of the Assembly) or the Committee Chair (in the case of a Committee) in writing giving reasonable notice; and
- (2) pursuant to Section 6 of the *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting) Act 2001*, the Legislative Assembly:
- (a) delegates to the Speaker the power to withdraw the right of a person to broadcast, or record for broadcast, public proceedings of the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (b) delegate to each committee formed by resolution or standing order of the Assembly the power to withdraw the right of a person to broadcast, or record for broadcast, public proceedings of that committee;
- (3) the Clerk is authorised to approve the transmission of public proceedings of the Assembly or a committee via landlines to public service agencies, subject to the agency agreeing to the following conditions:
- (a) they agree to provide, or arrange for the provision of, the telecommunication lines and other equipment necessary for the access (the access equipment);
 - (b) pay the costs and expenses of connecting the access equipment to the recording and transmission facilities of the Legislative Assembly;
 - (c) pay the costs and expenses of maintaining the access equipment;
 - (d) pay the costs and expenses of the Legislative Assembly secretariat in giving access to the proceedings by the access equipment;
 - (e) no broadcast of proceedings may be made for:
 - (i) the purpose of satire or ridicule;
 - (ii) advertising for or by political parties or electioneering; nor
 - (iii) commercial advertising or sponsorship;
- (f) The relevant agency seek the approval of the Clerk to gain access to the recording and transmission facilities, stating the number of employees that require access to the broadcast.