Editorial Standards for Tapt Media Online News and Current Affairs Content

Tapt Media Pty Ltd Online News and Current Affairs Editorial Policy

Tapt Media Pty Ltd (**Tapt Media**) is committed to the professional and responsible gathering and delivery of news and current affairs material across all of its platforms.

This Editorial Policy sets out Tapt Media's standards of practice in preparing and disseminating its news and current affairs content.

1. Application

a. News and current affairs content broadcast by Tapt Media on its radio stations 2GB, 3AW, 4BC and 6PR (**Stations**) is subject to the *Commercial Radio Code of Practice.*[1]
b. News and current affairs content published by Tapt Media on the websites listed in **Annexure A** is subject to the requirements set out in the *Australian Press Council Standards of Practice.*[2]
c. News and current affairs content published by Tapt Media on the websites listed in **Annexure B** are subject to the Standards outlined in this Editorial Policy.

2. Standards

In preparing and disseminating news and current affairs content on the websites listed in Annexure B, Tapt Media strives to meet the following standards:

a. Accurate presentation of material facts which are known, or are readily ascertainable, at the time of first publication.

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[1] https://cra.au/regulation-and-codes
[2] https://presscouncil.org.au/

b. Accurate presentation of viewpoints, ensuring such viewpoints are not materially misrepresented. This Standard does not:

    i. require inclusion of all aspects of a particular viewpoint;

    ii. require inclusion of all viewpoints on a particular issue; or

    iii. preclude a critical examination of, or commentary on a matter of public interest.

c. Impartial presentation of news material which distinguishes factual material from commentary and analysis.

d. Current affairs content is not required to be impartial and current affairs presenters may take a particular stance on issues.

e. Promotional material is not required to comply with the Standards.

3. Complaints

a. Clause 10 of the *Commercial Radio Code of Practice* sets out how complaints may be made in relation to news and current affairs content broadcast by 2GB, 3AW, 4BC and 6PR on radio. Each Station's website has an online form for this purpose.[3]

b. The *Australian Press Council* website sets out how complaints may be made in relation to online content covering news. The *Australian Press Council* website has an online form for this purpose.[4]

c. For content covering news and current affairs published by Tapt Media on the websites listed in Annexure B, complaints about compliance with the Standards set out at clause 2 of this Editorial Policy can be made by completing [this form] [jotform tbc]

d. Complaints made under clause 3(c) (**Clause 3(c) Complaints**) must:

    i. include the name and valid email address of the complainant;

    ii. include the specific URL being complained about (or if the complaint relates to a livestream: the URL of the livestream, the date the content was live-streamed, the time the content was live-streamed, and a sufficient description of the content to enable Tapt Media to identify the subject matter of the complaint);

[3] https://www.2gb.com/listener-complaints/; https://www.3aw.com.au/listener-complaints/; https://www.4bc.com.au/listener-complaints/; https://www.6pr.com.au/listener-complaints/

[4] https://presscouncil.org.au/complaints/make-a-complaint/

iii. identify the specific sub-clause of clause 2 (Standards) which the complainant believes has not been complied with;

iv. include a description of why the complainant believes the URL does not comply with the specific sub–clause identified; and

v. be made within 30 calendar days from the date of first publication of the URL (or in the case of a livestream, 30 calendar days from the date the content was first live-streamed).

e. The Australian Media and Communications Authority does not have authority to consider, investigate, or adjudicate complaints made about matters covered by this Editorial Policy.

4. Adjudication of Clause 3(c) Complaints

a. Tapt Media will use best endeavours to provide a response by email containing an adjudication of a Clause 3(c) Complaint within 30 Business Days of receiving the complaint.
b. Tapt Media is not required to respond to a Clause 3(c) Complaint which:
    i. does not meet the criteria set out in clause 3(d); or
    ii. is, in Tapt Media's view, frivolous, vexatious, offensive or vulgar; or
    iii. is part of a series of complaints from a single person about content that does not raise any new and distinct issues; or
    iv. is about content that Tapt Media is aware is the subject of legal proceedings, threatened legal proceedings, or a legal threat; or
    v. elects in their submitted complaint not to receive a response
c. Tapt Media reserves the right to amend this Editorial Policy as required. Clause 3(c) Complaints will be adjudicated against the published policy as at the date the Clause 3(c) Complaint is received by Tapt Media.

Annexure A

www.2gb.com

www.3aw.com.au

www.4bc.com.au

www.6pr.com.au

www.taptmedia.com.au

Annexure B

https://www.2gb.com/show/ben-fordham-live/

https://www.2gb.com/show/morning-show/

https://www.2gb.com/show/2gb-afternoons/

https://www.2gb.com/show/2gb-drive/

https://www.3aw.com.au/show/3awbreakfast/

https://www.3aw.com.au/show/3aw-mornings/

https://www.3aw.com.au/show/drive/

https://www.4bc.com.au/show/4bc-breakfast/

https://www.4bc.com.au/show/mornings/

https://www.4bc.com.au/show/4bc-drive/

https://www.6pr.com.au/show/breakfast/

https://www.6pr.com.au/show/mornings/

https://www.6pr.com.au/show/drive-with-jamie-burnett/

https://www.youtube.com/@2GBSydney

https://www.youtube.com/@3AW_Melbourne

https://www.youtube.com/@4BCBrisbane

https://www.youtube.com/@6PRPerth

https://www.facebook.com/BenFordhamRadio/

https://www.facebook.com/2GBSydney

https://www.facebook.com/2GBSydney

https://www.facebook.com/3awbreakfast

https://www.facebook.com/3awMorning

https://www.facebook.com/jacquifelgate/

https://www.facebook.com/NewsTalk4BC

https://www.facebook.com/NewsTalk6PR

https://www.facebook.com/6prbreakfast

https://x.com/2GB873

https://x.com/BenFordhamLive?lang=en

https://x.com/marklevy2gb?lang=en

https://x.com/ClintMaynard2GB?lang=en

https://x.com/3AW693

https://x.com/RossAndRussel?lang=en

https://x.com/NewsTalk4BC

https://x.com/6PR

https://x.com/6PRbreakfast