



THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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Members wanted for the Norfolk Island Broadcasting Authority

The Norfolk Island Government is seeking expressions of interest from members of the community who would be prepared to serve as members of the Norfolk Island Broadcasting Authority.

The *Norfolk Island Broadcasting Authority Act 2001* established the Authority with the following objectives:

- (a) to promote the availability to audiences in Norfolk Island of a diverse range of radio and television programming offering entertainment, education and information;
- (b) to provide a regulatory environment that will ensure appropriate limitations on the development of broadcasting services in the Territory of Norfolk Island having regard to the small size of the Territory, the population of the Territory, and the specific and unique needs and requirements of the Norfolk Island community;
- (c) to promote the provision of high quality and innovative programming by providers of broadcasting services;
- (d) to promote and encourage the role of broadcasting services operating in Norfolk Island in developing and reflecting a sense of Norfolk Island identity, character, and culture;
- (e) to preserve and promote as far as practicable the use of the Norfolk Island language in broadcasting services;
- (f) to reflect community standards in the provisions of broadcasting services;
- (g) to ensure that providers of broadcasting services place a high priority on the protection of children from exposure to program material which may be harmful to them;
- (h) to encourage the provision of means for addressing complaints about broadcasting services; and
- (i) to ensure that the providers of commercial, community, or non-government broadcasting services are responsive to the need for a fair

and accurate cover of matters of public interest and for appropriate coverage of matters of local significance.

The Authority is also responsible for the issue of broadcasting licences in Norfolk Island and for determining complaints about the content of broadcast programmes. Under the Act, the Authority is made up of the relevant Executive Member, the Manager of the Government Broadcasting Service and four other persons nominated by the Executive Member with the approval of the Legislative Assembly.

Anyone wishing to express interest in being a member of the Broadcasting Authority or seeking further information should contact Alma Davidson on telephone 22003 or email at alma@assembly.gov.nf

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