

RULES FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER FOR THE REGIONAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT IN TOWNSVILLE FROM 3 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

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The following media rules have been adapted from the current Media Rules document as tabled in the Legislative Assembly 26 October 2017 and are designed to meet the requirements of the Regional sittings in Townsville 3 to 5 September 2019.

This document shall be in force for the period of the regional sitting in Townsville set down for 3-5 September 2019.

This document outlines the conditions upon which the Speaker, who has the responsibility for the maintenance of order in the House and behaviour on the Parliamentary Precinct, grants access by the media to the Parliamentary Precinct ("the Precinct") and the Legislative Assembly Chamber ("the Chamber").

A copy of this document will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker for the information of all Members. It is the responsibility of the President of the Parliamentary Media Gallery (the Gallery) to ensure that this document is provided to accredited members. The Sergeant-at-Arms will provide a copy of the document to members of the press who have obtained permission to photograph or video record on the Precinct and in the Chamber.

Principles

These rules are based on the following principles:

- (a) transparency and accountability of the Parliament;
- (b) fair, accurate and balanced reporting of the proceedings of Parliament;
- (c) respect for the privacy of Members, staff and visitors to the Precinct;
- (d) the ability of Members and staff to carry out their duties on the Precinct without unreasonable impediment.

Accreditation

Parliamentary Access cards will be issued to accredited members of the Gallery.

It is the responsibility of the President of the Gallery to provide the Office of the Speaker with a current list of accredited members of the Gallery and ensure that list is updated.

Media who are not accredited members of the Gallery must obtain the permission of the Speaker to photograph or video record on the Precinct and in the Chamber.

Any media without a parliamentary swipe card must:

- Sign in at the registration table inside the entrance, receive a lanyard and pass, and sign out on departure.
- Show their media outlet ID when signing in.
- Sign a copy of the media rules to be retained at the reception desk as per Appendix B.

Delegation of Speaker's Permission

Where the Speaker's Permission is required under these rules and the Speaker is not available, the Speaker delegates the decision to grant permission to:

1. The Office Manager, Office of the Speaker; or
2. The Clerk or delegate (i.e. in the absence of the Clerk the next most senior Clerk at the Table); or
3. The Sergeant-at-Arms.

Photography and/or video recording on the Parliamentary Precinct

Areas where filming is prohibited

No photography or tape recording is permitted in and nor are the media permitted to attempt to interview or seek comment from Members in areas that are designated "Members' Only" areas.

Events not requiring permission or notification

The following media events involving photography and/or video recording may be conducted by accredited members of the Gallery in the following areas of the precinct as of course (i.e. without the need to seek the Speaker's permission or to notify the Speaker and others) on the proviso that there is not a function being held in that area or the permission of the host of the function has been obtained:

Door stop interviews, press conferences etc

Door stop interviews, press conferences etc may take place with Members in the following areas both inside and outside of the Townsville Entertainment and Conventions Centre (TECC):

- The area in the foyer of the TECC to the left and right of the main entrance marked in purple at Appendix A,
- The area outside the TECC to the left of the main entrance marked in purple at Appendix A

Press Conferences/Interviews with Non-Members

Press Conferences/Interviews with Non-Members may be conducted outside the designated precinct area.

Events Requiring Notification

Outside broadcasts

When accredited members of the Gallery wish to bring vehicles on the Precinct to facilitate an outside broadcast, the relevant Gallery members need to provide at least 1 hours notice to the Speaker's Office and Parliamentary Security via an e-mail to mediagallerynotifications@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Piece to camera

Similarly, when accredited members of the Gallery wish to do a piece to camera in the Legislative Assembly Chamber (when Assembly is not sitting), the relevant Gallery members need to provide at least 1 hour's notice to the Speaker's Office and Parliamentary Security via an e-mail to mediagallerynotifications@parliament.qld.gov.au

Advice will be provided by return e-mail if there is any logistical impediment to the above proposed actions.

CONDITIONS FOR FILMING AND BROADCASTING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Authority to Broadcast

The Speaker authorises live recording, broadcast and rebroadcast of the proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly on radio, television and the internet in accordance with Broadcast Terms and Conditions detailed on the Parliament's Website at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/broadcast-chamber/terms-and-conditions> and as set out below:

Conditions

Access to the proceedings of the Queensland Parliament for the broadcasting and televising of proceedings is subject to an undertaking to observe, and to comply with, the following conditions—

1. Fair and Accurate Reporting—

Photography, televising and broadcasting shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings with the aim of informing viewers about the work of Legislative Assembly, and shall not be used or sold for —

- (i) any political cause or campaign or any advertising campaign that would normally require at law a broadcaster to announce who has authorised the material;
- (ii) satire or ridicule;
- (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

2. Balanced Reporting

Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.

3. Context

Excerpts of proceedings are to be placed in context.

4. Deletions from the Record of Proceedings

If the Speaker orders that a remark be deleted from the Record of Proceedings, either at the time the remark was made or at a later time, the remark, the Speaker's direction and the proceedings relating to the matter, are not to be rebroadcast. (N.B. this restriction only applies to formal deletions from Record of Proceedings, not in circumstances where the Speaker has ordered that comments be withdrawn.)

5. Technical Restrictions

Footage must be broadcast at normal speed, with synchronised sound and vision.

6. Speaker's Instructions

The instructions of the Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, or the Speaker's delegate, in respect of broadcasting, shall be observed.

7. Sale or license to carry same conditions

The sale or license to use any photos or footage taken in the Assembly is to be subject to the same conditions that apply to fair and accurate reporting detailed above. (For example, a photo cannot be sold for the purpose of political advertising.)

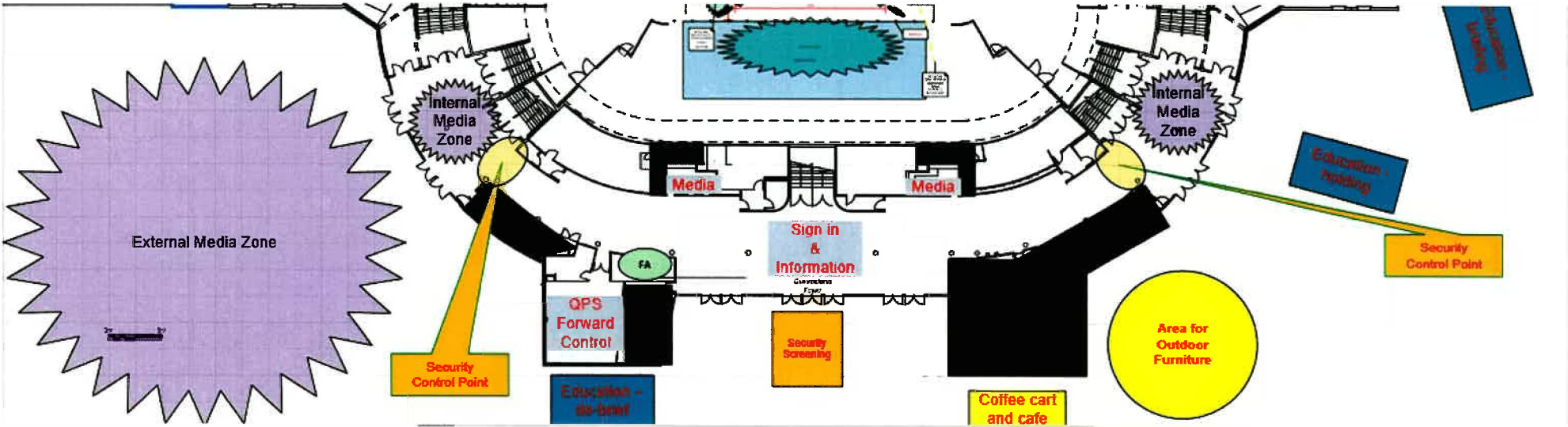
8. Rules for camera operators (film and still photography) in the Legislative Assembly Chamber below are to be followed at all times.

- (a) Camera Operators in the Chamber are required to sign a register in the Speaker's Office before entering the Chamber to confirm that they are aware of and agree to comply with these rules. **(See Appendix A)**
- (b) Cameras will only begin to film when the Speaker (or delegate) enters the Chamber and takes the Chair and will cease filming when the Speaker (or delegate) leaves the Chair.
- (c) Instructions from the Speaker, or the Speaker's delegates, in relation to the operation of the sound and vision equipment in the Queensland Parliament, shall be observed.
- (d) Cameras should generally focus on the Member with the call. However, reaction shots of a Member are permitted when the Member has sought information which is being supplied by a Member having the call; or when the Member is referred to in debate at the time they are being referred to; and if the Member is in their designated seat. If an exchange between Members is too fast to permit normal camera switching, then a wider camera shot incorporating those involved in the exchange, including the Chair, is permitted.
- (e) Wide-angle shots of the Chamber may be used during Divisions and Question Time. Sparing use of the wide-angle shot may be used at other times. No prolonged focus should be on particular members who do not have the call.
- (f) During Divisions cameras are required to employ only wider group shots, tellers recording and the Speaker. Conversations or interjections between Members during Divisions should not be recorded, broadcasted or rebroadcasted either with or without sound.
- (g) Under no circumstances are close-up shots of Members' papers or computer screens permitted and cameras shall not focus on Members' papers or computer screens nor is there to be any publication or broadcast of Members' papers or computer screens.
- (h) Shots of the public gallery are permitted except during motions of condolence or where minors are present in the gallery or when otherwise ordered by the Speaker or their delegate.
- (i) Camera operators shall observe the dress standards required of Members in the Chamber (i.e. Business attire for females and a tie or a jacket for males).
- (j) All photos or footage taken by camera operators is to be kept for 24 hours and during this time the Speaker may request the production of photos and footage taken to ensure the compliance with these rules.

PENALTIES

Breaches of any of the guidelines in this document shall be considered and determined by the Speaker. Penalties for breaches will also be determined by the Speaker.

APPENDIX A



APPENDIX B

I, the undersigned, have read and agree to comply with the conditions governing media access to the Legislative Assembly Chamber and Parliamentary Precinct and conditions for filming and broadcasting the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Media Outlet: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Noted by Speaker's Office.

Signature: _____ Date: _____