

Statements of Principles

The Council's Statements of Principles are binding on all publications which are subject to its jurisdiction.

They comprise

- the General Statement of Principles; and
- the Statement of Privacy Principles.

The Statements of Principles are interpreted and applied by the Council when mediating and adjudicating on particular complaints. Along with the Specific Standards and Advisory Guidelines, they form the Council's Standards of Practice.

General Statement of Principles

The General Statement of Principles covers the following areas:

1. Accurate, fair and balanced reporting
2. Correction of inaccuracy
3. Publishing responses
4. Respect for privacy and sensibilities
5. Honest and fair investigation; preservation of confidences
6. Transparent and fair presentation
7. Discretion and causing offence
8. Gratuitous emphasis on characteristics
9. Publication of Council adjudications

Statement of Privacy Principles

The Statement of Privacy Principles covers the following areas:

1. Collection of personal information
2. Use and disclosure of personal information
3. Quality of personal information
4. Security of personal information
5. Anonymity of sources
6. Correction, fairness and balance
7. Sensitive personal information

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