

SEXUAL HARRSSMENT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Radio East Gippsland Incorporated will fiercely defend the right of every employee and volunteer to perform their work without being subjected to sexual harassment. Every employee and volunteer are responsible for providing an environment that is supportive of this aim. Everyone must treat everyone else with respect and must aim to act as a beacon for good behaviour in the workplace.

It is the obligation and responsibility of every employee and volunteer to ensure that the workplace is free from sexual harassment. Everyone working at Radio East Gippsland Incorporated is responsible for the care and protection of our people and for reporting information about suspected sexual harassment.

Radio East Gippsland Incorporated is fully committed to its obligation to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment in the workplace.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline Radio East Gippsland Incorporated's position on sexual harassment and to document the process which is to be followed should any grievances arise.

DEFINITIONS

Sexual harassment means any unwelcome sexual advance, unwelcome request for sexual favours, or other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature which makes a person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated, and where that reaction is reasonable in the circumstances. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to,

- staring or leering
- unnecessary familiarity, such as deliberately brushing up against you or unwelcome touching
- suggestive comments or jokes
- insults or taunts of a sexual nature
- intrusive questions or statements about your private life
- displaying posters, magazines or screen savers of a sexual nature
- sending sexually explicit emails or text messages
- inappropriate advances on social networking sites
- accessing sexually explicit internet sites
- requests for sex or repeated unwanted requests to go out on dates
- behaviour that may also be considered to be an offence under criminal law, such as physical assault, indecent exposure, sexual assault, stalking or obscene communications

Behaviour that is based on mutual attraction, friendship and respect is not sexual harassment.

POLICY

Radio East Gippsland Incorporated will not tolerate sexual harassment under any circumstances. Responsibility lies with every Manager, Supervisor and employee/volunteer to ensure that sexual harassment does not occur.

Both federal and state Equal Employment Opportunity legislation provide that sexual harassment is unlawful and establish minimum standards of behaviour for all employees. This policy applies to conduct that takes place in any work-related context, including conferences, work functions, social events and business trips.

No employee or volunteer at any level should subject any other employee, volunteer, customer or visitor to any form of sexual harassment.

A breach of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Radio East Gippsland Incorporated strongly encourages any employee who feels they have been sexually harassed to take immediate action. If an employee or volunteer feels comfortable in doing so, they can raise the issue with the person directly with a view to resolving the issue by discussion. The employee or volunteer should identify the harassing behaviour, explain that the behaviour is unwelcome and offensive and ask that the behaviour stops.