

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

#### SPEAKER'S DETERMINATION DLA04 OF 2023

# **MEDIA**

I, MARK JAMES MONAGHAN, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, pursuant to Standing Order 228 and section 14(3) of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act 1992* determine that media personnel reporting proceedings of the Assembly and its Committees must be accredited according to the conditions below.

### 1. ACCREDITATION

- 1.1 Media personnel may only film, photograph or record audio when the Assembly or its Committees are meeting if accredited by the Speaker.
- 1.2 Accreditation requires the Speaker's written approval, on receipt of a written request from media personnel.
- 1.3 Accreditation is for the period granted on the form at Schedule A.
- 1.4 Media personnel must adhere to accreditation rules and conditions as well as the requirements of Standing Order 228 (enclosed) and sign the form at Schedule A.
- 2. CONDITIONS OF AN OUTLET'S AUTHORISED RECORDING AND BROADCAST OF THE ASSEMBLY'S PROCEEDINGS
- 2.1 Directions of the Speaker or Member presiding must be complied with at all times.
- 2.2 If the Speaker has approved still or video recording by a media representative separate to the Assembly recording, the person making the recording must ensure:
  - Broadcasting of a Member will be no closer than a head-and-shoulders shot
  - No recording may be focused on anything on a Member's desk.

# 3. CONDUCT OF ACCREDITED MEDIA PERSONNEL

- 3.1 Media personnel may use electronic devices for text and email but their devices must be switched to silent at all times in the media gallery. Media personnel may not use their devices in the public galleries.
- 3.2 Media personnel may not use electronic devices to record sound and/or vision of parliamentary proceedings without the express approval of the Speaker.
- 3.3 Media personnel will be silent while in the gallery and avoid any conduct that would draw attention to the gallery, including draping items over the rail, standing in the doorway, conversing and eating or drinking.
- 3.4 Media personnel are not permitted on the floor of the Chamber except when approved by the Speaker and, if approved, must wear business attire (including ties for men).
- 3.5 Business attire is required when media personnel attend Assembly Committee meetings.

### 4. MEDIA ACCESS

- 4.1 Media may film Committee hearings subject to the requirements of Standing Order 228(2).
- 4.2 By invitation, media may film or undertake interviews with Ministers or Members of the Legislative Assembly in the following areas:
  - The forecourt of Parliament House
  - The Elsey Room, Dining Room or Nitmiluk Lounge upon the issuing of a media alert by a Minister or Member (after the room has been reserved as required)
  - A Member or Minister's office
  - · A Ministerial meeting room on level five
  - Ministerial balconies on level five
  - The Northern Territory Library (at the invitation of the Library)
  - External grassed areas in the Parliamentary Precinct (excluding Speaker's Green).
- 4.3 Media activity in the following areas requires prior approval of the Speaker:
  - · The Main Hall and foyer
  - Corridors leading to and from the Elsey room on level three
  - The Litchfield and Ormiston Rooms (for committee hearings see 4.1)
  - The mezzanine on level three including the public area at the top of the stairs and overlooking the Main Hall
  - · The Speaker's Green
  - The Speaker's Corner Cafe
  - The Dining Room, Nitmiluk Lounge and Members and Guest Lounge
  - Immediately outside the main entrance of Parliament House, including the stairs leading to the main doors.
- 4.4 No media activity is permitted in the following areas:
  - The Government, Opposition or other Member Lobbies on level two
  - Any corridor on levels two and four
  - The steps leading to the mezzanine floor (level three)
  - The main corridor on level five adjacent to Member and Ministerial suites
  - · The entrance or doorway of a Member's office or suite
  - Lifts
  - Driveway entrance to the level one car park

# 5. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with the conditions set out in this Determination may result in immediate removal from the galleries and accreditation being withdrawn by the Speaker or the imposition of other penalties which may include exclusion from the precinct and referral to the Committee of Privileges.

All media activity in Parliament House must also comply with Speaker's Determination DLA08 of 2023 - Parliament House Security.

Dated this

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DECEMBER

2022

HONOURABLE MARK JAMES MONAGHAN MLA

Speaker



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#### **STANDING ORDER 228**

## Broadcasting of Assembly and Committee Proceedings

Unless otherwise ordered the Assembly authorises the broadcast, rebroadcast and televising of all or portions of the debates or proceedings of the Assembly or a committee for the purposes of section 23 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act 1992* in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Recordings and broadcasts of the Assembly may be made only from the Legislative Assembly system, unless otherwise approved by the Speaker or his or her delegate and in accordance with guidelines determined by the Speaker from time to time.
- (2) Recording and broadcast of sound and vision of committee proceedings are subject to any conditions or restrictions agreed to by that committee.
- (3) Broadcasts of excerpts will be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and will not be used for:
  - (a) political party advertising or election campaigns
  - (b) satire or ridicule or
  - (c) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
- (4) Reports of proceedings will be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
- (5) Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.
- (6) Excerpts must be placed in context. Commentators should identify Members by name.
- (7) Events or activity in the galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts in relation to such events may not be used.
- (8) Where the audio excerpts of the proceeding are used on television, their use may be that of audio over still frames or overlay material.
- (9) The Speaker may make and publish rules and guidelines in a *Speaker's Determination* which may limit, and /or provide guidance about the reporting of proceedings and the conduct and behaviour of media representatives. Such rules and guidelines will be tabled in the Assembly and made available on the Assembly website.



# DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEDIA ACCREDITATION AND ACCESS CARD FORM

You must complete this form and it email to <u>LA.Speaker@nt.gov.au</u> or hand deliver to the security screening point on Level 2 of Parliament House.

You agree to abide by Standing Order 228 and Speaker's Determinations DLA04 of 2023 and DLA08 of 2023, and read and understand the requirements of these documents.

Access cards must be prominently displayed at all times at Parliament House and returned immediately to Security if the holder ceases employment with their media organisation. Access cards are valid only for the period of accreditation by the Speaker.

Step 1 - Applicant to Complete	
Name	Media Organisation
Email	
Postal Address	
Card Holder Signature	
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Step 2 - Office of the Speaker to Complete	
Date of Approval	Period of Accreditation
Speaker or Delegate's Signature	
Step 3 - Parliament House Security to Complete	<u> </u>
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Card Issuing Officer:	Signature: Date:
Step 4 -Applicant to Complete at Security Scre	ening Point
■ Not allow another person to use my access	Determinations DLA04 of 2023 and DLA08 of 2023. card. er than those my access card provides, except by
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