



Indigenous Programming and Coverage of Indigenous Issues Policy

Acknowledging the important role Indigenous culture plays in the New England Region and in the continued growth of country music in Australia, 88.9FM will:

- Seek to involve and take advice from Indigenous Australians in the production of programs focusing on Indigenous Australians and/or Indigenous music.
- Where possible, we will consult the appropriate Indigenous Body or artist on appropriate forms of communication.
- When reporting on Indigenous peoples, issues and music, we will take care to verify and observe the best way to respect culture and customs by:
 - (a) considering regional differences, that is, be mindful of differences between Indigenous local groups,
 - (b) using appropriate words and phrases in referring to Indigenous peoples and their regional groups,
 - (c) seeking proper advice on how to best respect Indigenous bereavement customs when reporting on people who are recently deceased, and
 - (d) using suitable words and phrases when reporting on the social and emotional well-being of Indigenous people.