

Disciplinary Committee Hearing Media Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to uphold the integrity of Engineering New Zealand disciplinary committee hearings, while enabling fair and transparent reporting in the public interest. The public hearing of a complaint is in keeping with the statutory functions and powers of these committees.

TERMS

1. All matters relating to media coverage of this hearing are at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee Chair.¹
2. If media wish to film, photograph or audio record the hearing, they must apply for this. Any permitted film, photograph, and/or audio recording, which is used or published, must provide or assist in providing an accurate, fair and balanced report of the hearing.
3. Media who attend the hearing must identify themselves to the Disciplinary Committee Chair or their nominated representative. There will be seating set aside for any media that attend.
4. Media are required to adhere to the Standard Conditions of this policy, if applicable.
5. Media must observe any restrictions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee Chair at any time before or during the hearing. This may include requests not to record, film or photograph any parties or witnesses, or any other person, either at the subject's request or as directed by the Chair.
6. Media coverage of this hearing implies full agreement to the Terms and Standard Conditions of this policy and compliance with any non-publication orders of the Disciplinary Committee, if any.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

FILMING

1. Any camera permitted in the hearing room must be situated in a position approved by the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.

2. Any person wishing to instruct the camera operator during the hearing must sit next to the camera operator and must give any instructions as unobtrusively as possible and in such a manner as not to interfere in any way with the running of the hearing.
3. Members of the public attending the hearing must not be filmed in the hearing room.
4. The papers of any Counsel must not be filmed.
5. No filming may take place in the hearing room when the Disciplinary Committee is not present, except with prior leave of the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.
6. Film taken must not be broadcast until at least 10 minutes have elapsed.
7. A copy of all broadcasts using film taken during the hearing must be maintained.
8. "Filming" includes broadcast by online streaming.

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. The photographer must be situated in a position approved by the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Any person wishing to instruct the photographer during the hearing must sit next to the photographer and must give any instructions as unobtrusively as possible and in such a manner as not to interfere in any way with the running of the hearing.
3. Members of the public attending the hearing must not be photographed in the hearing room.
4. The papers of any Counsel must not be photographed.
5. No photographs may be taken in the hearing room when the Disciplinary Committee is not present, except with prior leave of the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.
6. Photographs taken must not be used, while the hearing continues, other than in media from the media outlet or its syndicate arrangements.

AUDIO RECORDINGS

1. No recording may take place when the Disciplinary Committee is not present, except with prior leave of the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Recording taken must not be broadcast until at least 10 minutes have elapsed.
3. A copy of all broadcasts using recording taken during the hearing must be maintained and a tape of any broadcast or a transcript of any broadcast or both supplied to the Disciplinary Committee, if requested.
4. Recording taken must not be used, while the hearing continues, other than in media published by the media outlet or its syndicate arrangements.
5. Members of the public attending the hearing must not be recorded in the hearing room.

OWNER OF THIS POLICY

This policy is owned by the Disciplinary Committee Chair for this proceeding.