

## LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Each community broadcasting station has legal obligations that relate to programming and station operations. *The Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (the Act)* outlines a number of licence conditions and some program standards that apply to all stations.

### **Key provisions in the Act require community broadcasters to:**

1. Provide community broadcasting services for the benefit of the community and not operate them to make a profit,
2. Continue to represent the community interest that it represented when the licence was allocated or last renewed, although a licensee can apply to change that community interest at renewal,
3. Encourage community access and participation in all aspects of station operations, from programming to management, and
4. Only broadcast sponsorship announcements, rather than advertising, which total no more than five minutes in any hour of broadcasting.