

GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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1. PURPOSE

These guidelines have been approved by the Presiding Officers for the purpose of clarifying the rules surrounding photography and filming in the shared precincts of Parliament House.

Separate guidelines apply for the Chambers.

2. PRINCIPLES

Photography and filming are restricted in the majority of Westminster-based Parliaments, including the Parliament of Western Australia, to preserve the capacity for Members and others to conduct their parliamentary business freely.

3. OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

Photography and filming are permitted outside Parliament House, including the steps of Parliament House.

4. INSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE/ANNEXE

Photography and filming are not permitted in Parliament House, the Committee Offices or annexes (exceptions detailed below). This includes foyers and hallways, both Chambers, their division lobbies and galleries, Members' Lounge, Strangers' Lounge, Members' Dining Room, and the courtyard, without the express approval of *both* the Presiding Officers.

The Presiding Officers may, at their discretion, allow photographs and filming to take place in the above areas under specific conditions.

Generally these conditions will include the requirement that the photographs and filming shall not:

- Include persons without their approval.
- Offend against the dignity of the Parliament.
- Be used for the purposes of satire or ridicule.
- Be used for party political advertising, including election campaigns.
- Be used for commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

A Presiding Officer needs to specifically approve the taking of photographs and filming in his or her respective Chamber. Members, however, may have photographs or film taken of themselves, with or without guests, in their Chamber on non-sitting days without seeking permission (refer to each House's Guidelines for Photography and Filming for specific conditions).

Photography and filming of the artworks in Parliament House is not allowed without the permission of the Presiding Officers. This prescription does not include artworks appearing incidentally in the background of photographs or footage.

Exceptions to the areas where photography and filming are not permitted include:

- On non-sitting days photography and filming are permitted in the Chambers (including their galleries)
- On sitting and non-sitting days photography is permitted in the John Forrest Foyer (main entrance).
- On sitting and non-sitting days Members are permitted to have photographs and film taken in



their office, their party room, or a meeting room, or in front of the photographic backdrop screen located in the courtyard, without seeking permission. Members of the public may also have photographs and film taken in front of the photographic backdrop screen located in the Courtyard.

5. GENERAL

The Presiding Officers may determine specific requirements and restrictions on a case-by-case basis.

6. RELATED GUIDELINES

- Guidelines for Photography and Filming Legislative Assembly
- Guidelines for Photography and Filming in the Legislative Council

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