Purpose/Objective

This policy describes the actions Council will take to abide by the requirements of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Online Services) Act 1999, Federal legislation dealing with appropriate use of the Internet.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the community who access the Internet using publicly accessible Council owned equipment located in Council libraries, Civic Centre, Community Centres and the Visitor Information Centre.

Principles

The Council supports the vision of Port Adelaide Enfield as an informed, IT literate and information enabled community. While recognising that everyone has freedom of choice and equitable access to information and library resources, Council abides by State and Federal laws and regulations and expects anyone using Council equipment to also abide by the same laws and regulations.

Policy

1. All who use Council owned IT equipment must obey all Australian and International Laws and not perform activities that are unlawful. Unlawful activities include, but are not limited to:
1.1. Gaining access to any materials that are pornographic, offensive or objectionable;
1.2. Engaging in any conduct that offends Federal, State or Local Council laws and regulations;
1.3. Embarrassing or harassing (sexually or otherwise) another person;
1.4. Engaging in any defamatory messages;
1.5. Sending or forwarding any materials that are abusive, sexist, racist or otherwise illegal;
1.6. Circumventing any filtering or content access device or software; and
1.7. Interfering with electronic rights management information or making use or taking control of resources or services outside Council's terms of use.

2. Users of Council owned IT equipment who fail to abide by the 'Rules for Using Online Resources and Services' may be subject to legal or other action taken by third parties in addition to Council imposing a temporary or permanent suspension of rights to use Council IT equipment.

3. Council is committed to this policy, which aims to ensure that its IT equipment and provision of Internet services are used in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations. As a result Council will take reasonable steps to identify and report individuals responsible for engaging in conduct in violation of those laws and regulations to the relevant authorities.

Definitions

IT Information Technology