

**NOOSA DISTRICT COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
POLICY STATEMENT 3.06 - OPEN LINE INTERVIEWS**

1. This policy has been written to define the circumstances under which interviews can be conducted.
2. For the purpose of this policy, interviews are defined as
  - 2.1 "Pre-recorded": the interview is either face-to-face or via telephone, recorded prior to being broadcast.
  - 2.2 "Live to air": the interview is broadcast as it occurs, in the broadcast studio, with the interviewee physically present in that studio.
  - 2.3 "Open line": the interview is broadcast as it occurs, with the interviewee being absent from the studio and the discussion conducted by telephone.
3. Presenters wishing to conduct any form of interview must either complete Noosa Community Radio's interview training course satisfactorily, OR be granted exemption from completing the study part of the course on the grounds of prior experience or training.
4. Prerequisites for conducting the different forms of interview are noted below. Presenters who are qualified to conduct interviews regularly are required to advise the Programme Committee (as part of their application to present a programme) that they wish to include regular interviews in their programmes, and the style of interview that they wish to conduct. In some cases, the Programme Committee may place conditions on interviews in specific programmes or conducted by specific presenters.
  - 4.1 Pre-recorded interviews: the presenter must have completed satisfactorily Noosa Community Radio's interview training course.
  - 4.2 Live to air interviews: the presenter must meet the criteria for pre-recorded interviews, AND must have completed at least 13 programs from the studio.
  - 4.3 Open line interviews: the presenter must
    - a. meet the criteria for live to air interviews
    - b. have completed at least 26 programs from the studio
    - c. have carried out at least 5 live to air interviews
    - d. have received no warnings concerning programme content or presentation style from the Programme Committee in the 18 months prior to presenting open line interviews
    - e. be over 18 years of age.With open line interviews, the Programme Committee may grant a presenter approval to conduct interviews with either or both of limited subjects or limited topics, or may grant a presenter unrestricted approval to conduct interviews.
5. The Programme Committee may withdraw authority to conduct interviews of any style from any presenter at any time without prior warning if it finds that any of the requirements of item 4 above have been breached.