FM 92.1 Armidale Uralla Walcha Guyra

CODE 2.2: PROGRAMMING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

**As required by Community Radio Broadcasting CODE 2
promoting the principles of diversity and independence
and encourages community participation.**

Approved by	Date approved	Review date
2ARM FM Management Committee	19 June 2020	19 June 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that **2ARM FM** provides mechanisms to enable active participation by our diverse community in station management, programming, and general operations.

BACKGROUND

The New England area of New South Wales is known for its diverse economy which includes agriculture, mineral, energy and renewable resources, and education. Its community is also known for its diversity with approximately 7% identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and, with a large tomato farm attracting overseas workers, the arrival in 2018 of members of the Ezidi refugee community, and educational institutions appealing to international students, there are 12% born overseas and 8% who speak a language other than English at home as reported in data from the Australian Census 2016.

https://profile.id.com.au/armidale/highlights-2016

POLICY

2ARM FM will endeavour to reflect the region's diverse community and interests in the in their programming, station management and general operation.

2ARM FM management and volunteers understand their responsibility in contributing to building a cohesive community by providing a range of programming that showcases different perspectives, develops greater understanding of and respect for each other and celebrates the strength in our differences.

Using an annual cycle of consultation as guided by the Community Consultation Strategy & Structured Engagement Program, the **2ARM FM** Management and Programming Committee will engage with all relevant sectors of the community. They will use these strategies to encourage participation in the management and programming of the radio station and ensure that the diversity of the community itself and its needs, interests and perspectives are reflected in the output of the station.