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When contributing, do not post any material* that:

- is racist, hateful, defamatory, libellous, derogatory, threatening, harassing abusive, discriminatory or humiliating to another person or organisation
- is pornographic or contains nudity
- vilifies individuals based on their religion, gender, race or sexuality
- contains material (written, audio, video and other electronic forms) that infringes Intellectual Property** rights such as copyright
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- falsely represents another individual, organisation, government or entity
- infers endorsement of a product, business, company or organisation
- promotes a product, business, company or organisation
- is a statement that may interfere with or prejudice the course of or otherwise deals with civil or criminal proceedings that are presently before any court, tribunal, commission or similar body or any investigation by the police, Crime and Corruption Commission or other agency.

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 - consent has been provided to do so.

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