

Community Board members are free to express a personal view in the media, at any time, provided the following rules are observed:

- Community Board members have a role to act as advocates for their community
- Media comments must not state or imply that they represent the views of the Community Board.
- Where a Community Board member is making a statement that is contrary to a Community Board decision, the member must not state or imply that the statement represents a majority view.
- Media comments must observe the other requirements of the code of conduct, e.g. not disclose confidential information, or compromise the impartiality or integrity of staff.
- Community Board members may express their own personal view but must not state or imply that they represent the Community Board or a majority view of the Community Board, and must observe the other requirements of the code of conduct.

Local Government Act 2002

Part 4

52 Role of community boards

The role of a community board is to—

- (a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.