

## INQUEENSLAND EDITORIAL CHARTER

- *InQueensland* will adhere to the highest standards of accuracy, fairness, and balance. It will provide honest, independent and impartial journalism: the stories will reflect the facts and the headlines will reflect the stories.
- Our journalists and editors will at all times act ethically and report fairly, honestly and objectively. They will be required to embrace the industry code of ethics and gather and report all sides of the story with the highest standards of accuracy and balance.
- We will report the news even-handedly, using our own resources and those of our key news providers, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Australian Associated Press. Like *InQueensland*, AAP and the ABC adhere to the highest standards of editorial probity and have their own strict guidelines for journalists.
- If *InQueensland* makes a mistake it will correct the error at the earliest opportunity; if it inadvertently presents an unbalanced account it will seek to redress this at the earliest opportunity also.
- *InQueensland* will not publish editorials and will not have a policy position on issues but will regularly invite readers to share their views and criticisms of published content.
- Ultimately, *InQueensland* will build its reputation on trust, truth, impartiality and integrity. We will be rigorous in our search for the facts and present them unvarnished. We will respect privacy and be sensitive to issues of race, gender, religion, nationality, colour, country of origin, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, illness and age.

- While the editor will determine the day-to-day editorial content of *InQueensland*, the editorial director/publisher will set the overarching editorial direction and tone of the publication, in consultation with the editorial and publishing committee.
- Senior editorial executives will at all times make decisions that reflect the spirit of the editorial charter.
- Through our journalism we hope to make the public better informed, not only in the areas of our key coverage pillars – politics, business and arts and culture - but in the other key facets of Australian life.
- *InQueensland*, through its parent company Solstice Media, is a member of the Australian Press Council and operates according to standards and values of that organization.