

# GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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These guidelines have been approved by the Presiding Officers for the purpose of clarifying the rules surrounding photography and filming in the shared precincts of Parliament House. Separate guidelines apply for the Chambers.

## PRINCIPLES

Photography and filming are restricted in the majority of Westminster-based Parliaments, including the Parliament of Western Australia, to preserve the capacity for Members and others to conduct their parliamentary business freely.

## OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

Photography and filming are permitted outside Parliament, including the steps of Parliament House and the Sunken Garden.

## INSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE/ANNEXES

Photography and filming are not permitted in Parliament House, the Committee Offices or annexes. This includes foyers and hallways, both Chambers and their division lobbies and galleries, Members' Lounge, Strangers' Lounge, Members' Dining Room, and the courtyard (except in the designated area below), without the express approval of *both* the Presiding Officers.

The Presiding Officers may, at their discretion, allow photographs and filming to take place in the above areas under specific conditions. Generally these conditions will include the requirement that the photographs and filming shall not:

- Include persons without their approval.
- Offend against the dignity of the Parliament.
- Be used for the purposes of satire or ridicule.
- Be used for party political advertising, including election campaigns.
- Be used for commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

A Presiding Officer needs to specifically approve the taking of photographs and filming in his or her respective Chamber. Members, however, may have photographs or film taken of themselves, with or without guests, in their Chamber on non-sitting days without seeking permission (refer to each House's *Guidelines for Photography and Filming* for specific conditions).

Members are permitted to have photographs and film taken in their office, their party room, or a meeting room, or in front of the photographic backdrop screen located in the courtyard, without seeking permission. Please note: photography and filming in the Aboriginal Peoples' Room cannot include images of the artwork.

## GENERAL

The Presiding Officers may determine specific requirements and restrictions on a case-by-case basis.

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