

## **Acceptable Use Policy**

No person shall use or attempt to use any computer system so as to cause costs, expense, or loss (financial or otherwise) to be incurred by:

- Any Member, Associate or Partner without the consent of the Member, Associate or Partner concerned;
- any person or organisation whether or not a part of, or connected in any way with, the Member, Associate or Partner without the consent of that person or organization

All users are entitled to work without harassment. For example if it is unacceptable to say something to a person it is equally unacceptable to transmit the same statement electronically. Similarly, if it is unacceptable to display a sexually explicit poster in a public room then it is equally unacceptable to display such an image on a publicly visible computer screen.

Prohibited activities include uploading, downloading, or otherwise transmitting

- Software without, or in breach of the terms of, a license;
- Materials in breach of another party's intellectual property rights (such as trade secrets, or copyrighted, trademarked and patented materials);
- Illegal information or materials;
- Objectionable materials in terms of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act;
- Defamatory materials;
- Offensive, harassing, derogatory, or discriminatory materials within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1993 or the Harassment Act 1997;
- Material about individuals which is being used for a purpose other than that for which it was collected, in breach of the Privacy Act 1993.

Permitted Users must not use the Advanced Network or its systems to:

- create or distribute chain letters, "junk" or "spam" (mass, unsolicited) mail;
- send anonymous email;
- disrupt another person's activities;
- harass another person or send unwanted offensive material;
- forge email messages to make them appear to come from another person;
- read, delete, copy or modify email under the control of other users without authorisation
- introduce viruses;
- download unauthorised software without approval;
- intentionally engage in illegal activities.