

# THE PAPAROA FILES: CODE OF PRACTICE

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This Code of Practice is for all editors and people wanting to become editors of The Paparaoa Files (<https://paparaoa.org/wiki>). It is crucial that work on the system is carried out in accordance with this Code of Practice! This is for your protection as well as ours. If you don't agree with anything below, you should stop now. Please contact [files@paparaoa.org](mailto:files@paparaoa.org) if you have any concerns, good ideas or suggestions, or if any other issue arises.

## 1) Intention

- 1a) The terrorist massacre in Christchurch has alerted Aotearoa/NZ to the threat posed by the far right;
- 1b) Information subsequently released by the Human Rights Commission and other agencies showed that hate speech, racist abuse and hate crime are huge problems in this country, and have very often been overlooked;
- 1c) Volunteers from the informal network known as Paparaoa intend to help address this deficit;
- 1d) We want to serve the public interest by creating a wiki-based system ("The Paparaoa Files") to identify members of the far right in Aotearoa/NZ and to help the media and others understand the extent of the problem and make informed assessments about the threat levels involved;
- 1e) In order to achieve the latter, we intend to work in partnership with the mainstream media, academics, representatives of refugee and other ethnic communities, law enforcement agencies (on request) and any others whose rights or security may be threatened by the far right.

## 2) Guidelines

- 2a) We respect people's freedom of expression, in line with Section 14 of New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990;
- 2b) However, we are mindful of Section 61 of The Human Rights Act, which makes words unlawful that are: "...likely to excite hostility against or bring into contempt any group of persons in or who may be coming to New Zealand on the ground of the colour, race, or ethnic or national origins of that group of persons.";
- 2c) The Act also declares it unlawful: "to use in any public place as defined in section 2(1) of the Summary Offences Act 1981, or within the hearing of persons in any such public place, or at any meeting to which the public are invited or have access, words which are threatening, abusive, or insulting";
- 2d) Furthermore, we are mindful of Article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to which this country is a signatory;
- 2e) All Editors of The Paparaoa Files agree to declare any conflict of interest, related income and/or breaches of this Code of Practice immediately.

## 3) Information gathering practices

- 3a) Only people registered as supporters of Paparaoa will be offered Editor's access to this material. Editor access will only be provided by invitation, and is subject to acceptance of this Code of Practice;
- 3b) As Editors, we will only publish information that is confirmed as fair and accurate;

- 3c) All information must have been gathered in a legal manner from public sources. Information gathered through hacking or theft is strictly prohibited;
- 3d) Where an individual is named or pictured, their exact name and identity details must be doublechecked and confirmed prior to publication;
- 3e) Where a business is named, they must be contacted in advance to confirm their legal name and the accuracy of the information;
- 3f) All photographs or screenshots must relate simply and clearly to the Intention above. General photographs taken out of context must not be published.

#### 4) Sharing information

- 4a) If you want to quote, publish or distribute any of this information publicly, it needs to be cleared by the team in advance. This is not about gate-keeping - it's because we need to double-check that the material is 100% accurate, fair and appropriate. There can be huge consequences if it is not. We'll be as quick about this as we can - just email [files@paparoa.org](mailto:files@paparoa.org).
- 4b) We ask that you cite "The Paparoa Files" as a source. gg This information was accessed from The Paparoa Files, <https://paparoa.org>, (date).
- 4c) If you want to provide contact details for further information, please use the email address: [files@paparoa.org](mailto:files@paparoa.org)

#### 5) Updates to this document

- 5a) This Code of Practice may be updated from time to time, in light of new legislation, legal advice and/or changes of priority in the public interest, etc;
- 5b) When this happens, we will update the copy that is accessible from the Start page of The Paparoa Files and will post a notice advising you of this in the section below.

#### 6) Next steps

As an Editor, we invite you to have input into any document, discussion or website article that you feel interested in. From these discussions we are hoping to build the foundations for a democratic, membership-led organisation. In other words, you got this far, now please take over!!!