

Your response

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<p>Question 1: Do you agree with our rationale for proposed new Rules 2.17 and 2.18? Please give reasons for your answer.</p>	<p>Yes, these rationale are appropriate and timely.</p>
<p>Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed meaning of ‘participant’ for the purpose of these rules? Please give reasons for your answer.</p>	<p>The definition of “participant” should be extended to include social media, where official programme accounts (eg on Twitter and Instagram) often re-use social media content. This can be re-used on air, and in associated online resources. Most frequently, tweets and other social media comments are read out “live” to enhance that sense of liveness and inclusiveness, but there is currently no regulation of what is done with these public voices as gathered from such sources, less still the way in which such voices are instigated by the production team in the first place.</p>
<p>Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed scope of these rules? Please give reasons.</p>	<p>Again, this needs to be inclusive of social media postings.</p> <p>The editing of public participation programmes needs to be attended to beyond that of reality tv. Where the public participate in current affairs programming, such as Question Time, the right of hosts and journalists to challenge and question public participants should be protected, in order to protect the quality of public discourse more broadly. This should also apply to the use of vox pops in current affairs and news programming, where the imperative to challenge counter-factual assertions should remain paramount.</p>
<p>Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed wording for the new Rules 2.17 and 2.18? Please give reasons for your answer.</p>	<p>Yes, the wording is suitably inclusive.</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree that Rule 1.28 should be amended in this way? Please give reasons for your answer.</p>	<p>The use of social media participation should be included.</p>
<p>Question 6: Do you agree that Rule 1.29 should be amended in this way? Please give reasons for your answer.</p>	<p>Younger people are more likely to be social media users, therefore the inclusion of this aspect of broadcasting is particularly relevant.</p>
<p>Question 7: Do you agree with the proposed</p>	<p>Yes, the changes seem appropriate, although</p>

approach to the Code guidance? Please give reasons.

the extension of this to social media is vital.

Question 8: Can you provide examples of best practice in the due care of programme participants which you think should be included in the guidance? Please share details if possible.