

Guidelines for Discussion Forums and Social Media

Discussion Forum and Social Media Guidelines

The AusIMM Discussion Forums have been established to facilitate the exchange of information and views on a range of topics, policy positions, industry issues and documents. A range of forums is operated covering a variety of topics and areas of interest with some being open to all members and others being restricted to particular groups of members (Committees, Working Groups and Taskforces), Branch and Student Chapter office bearers and AusIMM staff.

Similarly, The AusIMM has established a presence in social media through Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube. Where appropriate, these guidelines also apply to the use of AusIMM social media services.

All users of The AusIMM Discussion Forums and Social Media agree to the following rules:

Discussion Forum and Social Media Rules

- No abuse, insults or personal attacks;
- No offensive language;
- No trolling;
- No inappropriate or illegal material;
- No commercial activities – offering goods for sale or seeking goods to buy;
- No business advertising;
- No forum spanning;
- No “religious” or “political” debates;
- No arguments with the moderator of the forum or administrator of the service – complaints should be sent to membership@ausimm.com.au
- No user must ever release the personal information of another person on the forum unless they have the consent to publish information that is not already public;
- No breaching of Copyright Laws. We ask that you refrain from posting:
 - Private emails without the written consent of the parties involved;
 - Messages from other Discussion Boards;
 - Any part of or whole Private letters or correspondence without the written consent of the parties involved;
 - Articles or items from other editorials (magazines, books, websites) unless you have written permission to reproduce
 - Any of the above that are posted may be removed by the moderator or administrator.

These rules apply to all of the following:

- Post content;
- Quoting of post contents;
- Thread titles;
- Quips;
- Usernames;
- Wiki entries;
- Web links;
- Public email addresses;
- Pictures, videos or other visual posts;
- Any other fields in which you can enter text.



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General

You expressly acknowledge and agree that the discussion forums on this Site provide a means of public, not private, communication. Similarly, pages, channels and forums on AusIMM pages of social media sites are also public communication.

The AusIMM will not be liable for any information displayed on such discussion forums or social media pages, whether offensive to persons or group of persons, upsetting, defamatory, in any way unsuitable for people under the age of 18 years, or otherwise, or for the accuracy of such information.

The Administrators and Moderators of AusIMM Discussion Forums and Social Media Services reserve the right to relocate or delete any post or thread that they deem inappropriate.

Users who persistently breach the rules above will have their access to the Forums and/or social media blocked or suspended and members may be referred to The AusIMM Ethics Committee if a breach of The AusIMM's Code of Ethics has occurred. More information on The AusIMM Code of Ethics is available from <http://www.ausimm.com.au/Content/default.aspx?ID=121>

Concerns with the actions of any Moderator should be raised with the Discussion Forum Administrator, the Director of Membership & Branches, The AusIMM.