

WAVE — COMMUNITY GUIDELINES AND CONTENT POLICY

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Wave is a Perth-first arts and music platform built to support artists, musicians, DJs, producers, performers, venues, labels, promoters, collectives, and local creative communities.

These Community Guidelines explain what is and is not allowed on Wave. They apply to all users, artist accounts, profiles, uploads, comments, messages, forums, events, images, audio, video, links, usernames, bios, and any other content submitted to the platform.

By using Wave, you agree to follow these guidelines.

1. CORE PRINCIPLE

Wave exists to help build a better local arts and music scene.

You are welcome to share your music, art, events, thoughts, feedback, and creative work. However, you must not use Wave to harass people, exploit others, spread illegal material, impersonate people, scam users, or damage the community.

We want Wave to feel open, creative, strange, expressive, funny, experimental, and alive — but not unsafe.

2. AGE REQUIREMENT

Wave is intended for users aged 18 and over.

This is because Wave includes community forums, artist profiles, public discussion, user-generated content, and material that may not be suitable for children.

By creating an account, you confirm that you are at least 18 years old.

3. RESPECT OTHER USERS

You must not post, send, upload, or encourage:

- Harassment, bullying, threats, intimidation, stalking, or targeted abuse.
- Personal attacks based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexuality, disability, age, or other protected attributes.
- Encouragement of self-harm or suicide.
- Doxxing or sharing someone's private information without consent.
- Repeated unwanted contact after someone has asked you to stop.
- Attempts to shame, humiliate, isolate, or coordinate abuse against another person.

- Threats of violence or encouragement of violence.

Disagreement, criticism, reviews, jokes, artistic argument, and strong opinions are allowed. Targeted abuse is not.

4. FORUMS AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Wave forums are intended for community discussion, scene-building, artist support, event discussion, feedback, recommendations, and creative conversation.

Forum users must:

- Stay reasonably on topic.
- Avoid spam, trolling, baiting, or deliberately derailing discussions.
- Respect moderators and community decisions.
- Not flood forums with repeated posts, ads, or automated content.
- Not use forums to organise harassment, scams, illegal activity, or targeted abuse.

Wave may remove forum posts, lock threads, restrict posting, suspend accounts, or ban users where necessary.

5. ARTIST, BAND, LABEL, VENUE, AND COLLECTIVE PROFILES

You may only claim or operate an artist, band, DJ, producer, label, venue, promoter, or collective profile if you have a genuine connection to that identity.

You must not:

- Impersonate another artist, venue, label, or person.
- Claim a name you do not have rights to use.
- Mislead users into thinking you represent someone you do not represent.
- Create fake artist profiles to manipulate plays, payments, rankings, popularity, or discovery.

If there is a dispute over an artist name, band name, venue name, label name, collective name, or profile, users should contact Wave support. Wave may temporarily hide, restrict, rename, or suspend disputed profiles while the issue is reviewed.

6. MUSIC, ART, AND UPLOADED CONTENT

You may upload content that you own or have permission to share.

You must not upload:

- Music you do not own or control.

- Stolen artwork, photography, video, writing, or designs.
- Unauthorised remixes, edits, samples, stems, DJ mixes, or bootlegs where you do not have the required rights.
- AI-generated content that falsely claims to be made by another person.
- Content that infringes copyright, trademarks, privacy rights, publicity rights, or other legal rights.
- Content designed to mislead users about who created it.

By uploading content, you confirm that you have the rights, licences, permissions, and clearances required to publish it on Wave.

Wave may remove content if we receive a rights complaint, legal notice, credible ownership dispute, or moderation report.

7. ILLEGAL AND EXTREMELY HARMFUL CONTENT

Wave does not allow content that is illegal, exploitative, or seriously harmful.

This includes:

- Child sexual abuse material or sexualised content involving minors.
- Terrorist or violent extremist material.
- Instructions to commit serious violence or terrorism.
- Credible threats of physical harm.
- Non-consensual intimate images.
- Sexual exploitation, trafficking, coercion, or blackmail.
- Content promoting or facilitating serious crime.
- Content that is refused classification or otherwise unlawful to publish in Australia.
- Attempts to buy, sell, or trade illegal goods or services.

Wave may remove this content immediately, suspend or ban accounts, preserve relevant records, and report matters to law enforcement, regulators, or relevant safety authorities where required.

Australia's eSafety Commissioner operates reporting schemes for serious online abuse, image-based abuse, and illegal or restricted online content, so Wave should treat serious safety reports carefully and act quickly.

8. ADULT, SEXUAL, VIOLENT, OR DISTURBING CONTENT

Wave is not a porn platform, gore platform, shock-content platform, or extremist content platform.

Artistic nudity, mature themes, confronting art, political work, horror, satire, and experimental expression may be allowed where lawful and appropriately presented.

However, Wave may restrict, hide, age-gate, label, or remove content that includes:

- Explicit sexual content.
- Pornographic material.
- Graphic violence or gore.
- Extreme injury, death, or torture.
- Sexualised violence.
- Content encouraging self-harm.
- Material that appears intended primarily to shock, traumatise, or exploit.

Australian online safety rules increasingly focus on preventing children from accessing age-restricted material, including pornography, extreme violence, and other harmful material. Even though Wave is 18+, mature content should still be handled cautiously and labelled or restricted where appropriate.

9. HATE, EXTREMISM, AND DISCRIMINATION

Wave does not allow content that promotes hatred, dehumanisation, exclusion, or violence against people based on protected characteristics.

This includes content attacking people based on:

- Race or ethnicity.
- Nationality.
- Religion.
- Sex, gender, or gender identity.
- Sexual orientation.
- Disability.
- Age.
- Immigration status.
- Other protected or vulnerable characteristics.

Discussion of politics, religion, culture, society, identity, and history is allowed.
Dehumanising people or encouraging hatred is not.

10. SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, AND DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR

Wave does not allow content that encourages, instructs, glorifies, or coordinates:

- Suicide.
- Self-harm.
- Eating disorders.
- Dangerous drug use.
- Reckless violence.
- Life-threatening dares or challenges.

Users may discuss lived experience, recovery, mental health, grief, trauma, and difficult subjects in a supportive or artistic way. The line is crossed when content encourages harm or gives instructions for harm.

11. DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND EVENTS

Wave recognises that music and arts communities may discuss nightlife, festivals, parties, venues, and adult culture.

However, users must not use Wave to:

- Sell illegal drugs.
- Arrange illegal drug supply.
- Promote unsafe drug use.
- Sell alcohol unlawfully.
- Encourage dangerous intoxication.
- Organise illegal events or unsafe gatherings.
- Mislead users about event safety, licences, locations, or entry conditions.

Event listings must be honest and must not misrepresent artists, venues, dates, prices, safety arrangements, or organisers.

12. SPAM, SCAMS, BOTS, AND MANIPULATION

You must not use Wave to:

- Scam users.

- Phish for passwords, private keys, banking details, or personal information.
- Post fake giveaways.
- Manipulate streams, likes, comments, follows, payments, rankings, or recommendations.
- Use bots, scripts, fake accounts, click farms, or automated behaviour without permission.
- Flood the platform with repetitive promotional material.
- Upload malware or harmful links.
- Pretend to be Wave staff.

Fake accounts may be reported and may be banned.

13. PAYMENTS, ROYALTIES, AND FRAUD

Wave may pay artists based on eligible user activity, such as streams, views, purchases, tips, or other platform interactions.

Users and artists must not attempt to manipulate payments by:

- Creating fake plays, views, listens, likes, or engagement.
- Using bots or paid engagement farms.
- Creating multiple accounts to trigger payments.
- Uploading content they do not own to collect royalties.
- Misrepresenting ownership or payout details.
- Using stolen payment methods.
- Coordinating fraudulent activity.

Wave may withhold, reverse, delay, or cancel payments where fraud, suspicious activity, chargebacks, rights disputes, or policy breaches are detected.

14. PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

You must not share another person's private information without consent.

This includes:

- Home addresses.
- Phone numbers.
- Private emails.

- Private messages.
- Legal names where the person uses an artist name and has not made their legal name public.
- Identification documents.
- Banking or payment details.
- Medical or mental health information.
- Private images or recordings.

Do not post screenshots of private conversations unless all personal information is removed and you have a lawful reason to share them.

15. CONSENT AND IMAGE-BASED ABUSE

You must not upload, share, threaten to share, request, or link to intimate images or recordings of another person without their consent.

This includes real, edited, AI-generated, deepfake, drawn, or manipulated intimate content.

Image-based abuse is taken seriously in Australia and can be reported to eSafety. Wave may remove such content immediately and suspend or ban the account responsible.

16. AI-GENERATED CONTENT

AI-generated art, music, writing, video, and images may be allowed on Wave if they are presented honestly and lawfully.

You must not use AI to:

- Impersonate another artist.
- Mislead users about authorship.
- Create non-consensual sexual or intimate images.
- Create defamatory, abusive, or exploitative content.
- Copy a living artist's identity in a misleading way.
- Upload content that infringes copyright or other rights.

Wave may require AI-generated content to be labelled where appropriate.

17. REVIEWS, CRITICISM, AND ARTISTIC DISAGREEMENT

Wave supports honest criticism and discussion.

You may criticise songs, events, artworks, performances, venues, organisers, and creative decisions.

However, criticism must not become harassment, threats, defamation, personal abuse, pile-ons, or targeted campaigns against individuals.

Examples of allowed content:

- "I didn't like this set."
- "The sound was bad at this event."
- "This artwork feels derivative."
- "I think this organiser handled the event poorly."

Examples of content that may be removed:

- "Everyone go harass this person."
- "Here is their address."
- "They should be hurt."
- "Let's destroy their reputation with fake reviews."

18. MODERATION DECISIONS

Wave may moderate content or accounts at its discretion.

This may include:

- Removing content.
- Hiding content from discovery.
- Labelling mature content.
- Restricting comments or forum access.
- Reducing visibility of spammy or harmful content.
- Suspending accounts.
- Banning accounts.
- Withholding payments connected to fraud or rights disputes.
- Referring serious matters to authorities where appropriate.

Wave does not have to host content simply because it is artistic, controversial, funny, political, experimental, or popular.

19. REPORTS AND APPEALS

Users can report content, accounts, comments, messages, artist profiles, or forum posts that may breach these guidelines.

When reviewing reports, Wave may consider:

- The content itself.
- Context and intent.
- Artistic, educational, journalistic, or documentary value.
- Whether the content targets a person or group.
- Whether consent was given.
- Whether there is a pattern of behaviour.
- Whether the content creates real-world risk.
- Whether the content breaches Australian law or platform rules.

Users may appeal moderation decisions by contacting Wave support. Appeals should explain why the decision was incorrect and include any relevant context.

20. REPEAT BREACHES

Wave may take stronger action where a user repeatedly breaches these guidelines.

Repeat or serious breaches may result in permanent account removal.

Creating new accounts to avoid a ban is not allowed.

21. CHANGES TO THESE GUIDELINES

Wave may update these Community Guidelines from time to time as the platform grows, the community changes, or legal requirements develop.

Where changes are significant, Wave will try to give reasonable notice.

22. CONTACT

For reports, disputes, safety concerns, rights complaints, or moderation appeals, contact:

Wave Support

Email: support@waveperth.au

Website: waveperth.au