

Glossary of Key Terms

Objective Language

When facts are presented without the influence of personal feelings or opinions.

Subjective Language

When your view is influenced by personal feelings, tastes or opinions.

Bias

Bias occurs in text where a writer presents one perspective, favouring one side in an argument or discussion, often accompanied by a refusal to consider possible merits of alternative points of view.

Sectarian Violence

Violence between smaller groups within a nation, religion or cultural group.

Balyunmirr

The balyunmirr is known to many non-Indigenous Australians as a 'war cry' or 'war dance.' Within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures it symbolises many things. It is a welcome dance, a dance of respect. It is a representation of culture and a celebration dance. In our current day and age it can often simply be a way of acknowledging and representing culture and history.

Doug Nicholls Round

The AFL's annual round celebrating Indigenous players and culture.

Racial Vilification

"doing something in public based on the race, colour, national or ethnic origin of a person or group of people which is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate."
Australian Human Rights Commission

AFL Racial Vilification Policy

The AFL's policy banning discrimination or offensive comments based on race, as well as other characteristics including religion, gender, colour, sexuality or disability.