

Dear Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications, Information
Technology and the Arts

RE: Senate inquiry into the effectiveness of broadcasting codes of practice

I'm a 24 years old male from Queensland. I can understand what Senator Cory Bernardi is trying to do about swearing on TV but really. Its like saying that the democratic right of an individual citizens to freedom of speech, freedom of choice, freedom to make informed decisions about what we see, read, hear means nothing. Now we in Australia have far too much censorship from the government. But what I believe is there needs to be balance, that's where the Office of Film and Literature Classification comes into play. People need to make a choice to see, read and hear based on the classification from the OFLC weather or not they engage in a medium. Now I have a proposal for the review.

Where the TV stations have there logo on the screen as a watermark, they could also have the classification next to the logo as a watermark as well. This is the best way forward as nobody can say they were not informed that there would be swearing etc. in a program. Also this is best because the classification shown at the start of the program is not enough because if you don't catch the start you miss it. Now I believe that the classification watermark is the best way forward because it offers freedom of choice, choice that if you don't like it don't watch it. This also forces the TV stations to voluntary change or not change programming based on viewer TV ratings, this also means that if a program has swearing in it and if its rates highly then the public has spoken.

Thanks for hearing me out.
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