

## **To the Senate Inquiry into Broadcasting Codes of Practices:**

I would like to submit my opinions for inclusion in the discussion of this inquiry.

Over the years I have noticed that the standards of television and print media in particular have deteriorated.

The sexualization of children is disturbing and can only feed those prone to child pornography.

We have programs that degrade women and have no hesitation in portraying them in what can only be seen as mere objects of play and sexual pleasure.

Yet we are shocked by events such as we have seen in Austria and when stories of sex slaves come out.

I have 6 daughters and hope that the young men they meet in years ahead will know how to treat a woman and don't use our media as their guide.

If our young men don't have parents or a male role model explaining to them what is expected and acceptable, the trash thrown up daily on the TV will appear to them as the norm.

The violence and explicit sexual content on TV seems to be creeping into earlier and earlier time slots, making it less of a medium for families to utilize.

Programs like Big Brother flooding 'family time slots' with their advertisements and although they might be modified in the earlier times, I don't take the chance having been caught out many times before.

They and other programs work on the shock value which holds no interest to my wife or myself and yes we use the option of turning it off.

Yet why should we cringe every time an ad comes on when sitting with our children watch something early in the evening.

My eldest son is 13 and he finds some of the vision thrust upon him distasteful.

The Australian programs still seem stuck in the past using foul language almost as a badge to identify it as Aussie. I'm not sure how you conduct yourself among your friends and mates, but we don't speak like our TV programs portray the Aussie male.

I strongly urge that this review being undertaken by the Senate is thorough and takes into account the families of Australia.

That it pushes programs with foul language, explicit sexual scenes etc off our screens and as unlikely as that appears in today's free and easy, "its my right to watch what I want" that you ensure they are rated so that they are not seen before the children of Australia are long in bed and their influence on our society is diminished.

We know the influence the TV has on our society, lets make it a tool that creates a positive environment for our children, that it offers educational and entertaining shows that add to our society not the rubbish that strips away the very fabric of our society.

Yours Sincerely

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