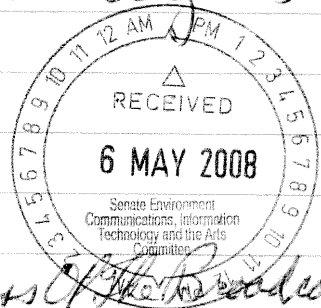


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The Secretary
Senate Standing Committee On
Environment, Communications & the Arts.



Submission To Inquiry Into The Effectiveness Of The Broadcasting
Codes Of Practice

I take this opportunity to express the following views to the
Senate Inquiry —

1. There has been at least over the last ten years an increasing sexualisation of T.V. programs and increasing content of violence as well.
2. This trend is in fact deflected, by many, into the community. Many also feel there is little that can be done other than turning off.
3. Turning off is a solution often proposed by those who already control the airwaves. It leaves the field to those already in control, and is hardly democratic.
4. Broadcasting codes seem to be steadily weakening. They need revision and strengthening especially to benefit the young.
5. It is impractical to expect people to phone T.V. or radio stations everytime objectionable material arises. The process is fraught with frustration and delay and

is inadequate to present needs.

6. Government and its agencies are in the best position to protect the young and society from the coarsening of the culture, now in full swing.

7. The system of classification now in use needs extension and improvement. Better supervision of category content is required eg. some P.G.'s should be M's, some M's should be M18+ etc.

8. Increasingly older people, ordinary housewives, families, parents, sick and depressed people are being left with nowhere to go, except to switch off.

9. There needs to be an easier system for complaint, which can be accessed simply by all. This needs to be regularly and well displayed, like the warnings given to smokers for example.

Yours faithfully,

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