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The Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on Environment
and the Arts,
P.O. Box 6100, Parliament House,
Canberra,
ACT 2600



To the Committee,

I would like to express my anger at the current trends in the media, advertising and marketing concerning the sexualisation of children.

I know from personal experience the dangers of sexualising children, teenagers.

When I was a teenager, I felt that to be "trendy and accepted" and attractive to men, I had to be slim and wear sexy clothes. So I used to starve myself to be slim which resulted in a nervous condition in my brain and men were attracted to me for my body and I just

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felt like a sex object to be used for their pleasure.

After a short time of this, and being treated like "dirt" and having murdered - by abortion - an unwanted baby, I became suicidal as I could not have a relationship with a man without it becoming sexual. I had nothing to live for - there was no point in just working to pay for a roof over my head for myself and the bills.

Fortunately - before I starved and worked myself to death, God - Our Creator - revealed Himself to me through His Holy Spirit and I learnt that there is a God who loves us and loves me just as I am and I do not have to conform to an image of being thin and sexy to be acceptable.

I learnt to treat men like brothers and after many years - God developed self-control in me - so that I could survive without sex.

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Sex is meant to be for marriage - a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others. It is a private thing - only for marriage.

- The sources and beneficiaries of ("premature") sexualisation of children in the media are - department stores, magazines, supermarkets or any vendor of these products and advertising companies who are only interested in making money.

- I ^{own} have explained the evidence and consequences in my life on pag 42.

- The strategies to prevent ~~and~~ the sexualisation of children in the media etc is to STOP IT -
- stop the sexualisation of adults and you will stop the sexualisation of children -
STOP advertising ~~and~~ using men & women as sexual objects. Life is more than just sex.

Life is about getting to know God - our Creator - loving Him and loving each other.

Yours sincerely,