

Inquiry into the sexualisation of children in the contemporary media environment

I would like to submit to the committee examining the above issue the following points from my experience:

- The purported 'freedom' in our society that allows women to be turned into objects sold to the lusts of men is manifestly wrong and example of abuse of women by our supposedly 'enlightened' society. Children see the evidence of this all around them every day in the media, in newspapers, on billboards, in movies, on TVs. What conclusions can a child draw from these images but that women are 'playthings' for men, objects whose role in life is to excite lust in men.
- Pornography has seriously harmed me and become a big problem in my life. It is something that I wish others to be spared from. Children as well adults, both male and female, who are exposed to pornography are much more likely to develop all kinds of personal problems, bad attitudes towards women and an impoverished ideal of masculinity if exposed to pornography.
- Sexuality is one of the most powerful aspects of human nature, what our society accepts and legislates in this area will have massive ramifications for the future of our country. I pray that you, our elected representatives will put the value and dignity of human beings ahead of the profit motive of the pornography and media industries and enact laws that will help people to give expression to the true beauty and greatness of each human person.