Advertising Standards Bureau 2007

| OUTCOME OF COMPLAINTS (No., by Complaint) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
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| Dismissed | 1349 | 1753 | 2648 | 1730 |
| Upheld | 55 | 94 | 164 | 280 |
| Withdrawn before board determination | 236 | 139 | 20 | 15 |
| Outside Charter | 656 | 970 | 1212 | 577 |
| TOTAL | 2,296 | 2,956 | 4,044 | $\mathbf{2}, 602$ |
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| BOARD DETERMINATIONS (No., by Advertisement) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Withdrawn before board determination | 20 | 33 | 13 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Upheld | 8 | 14 | 28 | 36 |
| Dismissed | 337 | 344 | 488 | 405 |
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| TOTAL | 365 | 391 | 529 | 446 |
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| GEOGRAPHIC SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS (\%) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| NSW | $38.20 \%$ | $32.68 \%$ | $36.77 \%$ | $35.63 \%$ |
| VIC | $22.17 \%$ | $21.19 \%$ | $22.59 \%$ | $20.18 \%$ |
| QLD | $16.16 \%$ | $24.60 \%$ | $17.01 \%$ | $19.79 \%$ |
| SA | $7.10 \%$ | $8.54 \%$ | $10.08 \%$ | $9.80 \%$ |
| WA | $8.84 \%$ | $7.98 \%$ | $7.84 \%$ | $9.80 \%$ |
| ACT | $4.75 \%$ | $2.47 \%$ | $2.58 \%$ | $2.50 \%$ |
| TAS | $1.92 \%$ | $1.84 \%$ | $2.31 \%$ | $1.54 \%$ |
| NT | $0.83 \%$ | $0.60 \%$ | $0.84 \%$ | $0.77 \%$ |
| Abroad | $0.04 \%$ | $0.10 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |
|  | $100.00 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ |
| GENDER OF COMPLAINANTS (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| Couple | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Unspecified | $2.61 \%$ | $2.10 \%$ | $1.35 \%$ | $0.92 \%$ |
| Male | $2.70 \%$ | $2.13 \%$ | $1.45 \%$ | $1.08 \%$ |
| Female | $37.63 \%$ | $38.08 \%$ | $36.75 \%$ | $32.67 \%$ |
| TOTAL | $57.06 \%$ | $57.69 \%$ | $60.45 \%$ | $65.33 \%$ |


| ISSUES ATTRACTING COMPLAINT (\%) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |
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| AANA Section 2.3 - Sex, sexuality and nudity | $\mathbf{2 6 . 4 9 \%}$ | $22.23 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| AANA Section 2.1 - Discrimination or vilification | $27.13 \%$ | $23.25 \%$ | $28.05 \%$ |
| AANA Section 2.6 - Health and Safety | $6.46 \%$ | $9.70 \%$ | $10.85 \%$ |
| AANA Section 2.2 - Violence | $17.38 \%$ | $18.01 \%$ | $8.42 \%$ |
| AANA Section 2.7 / FCAI Code | $3.38 \%$ | $1.84 \%$ | $4.91 \%$ |
| Other | $14.59 \%$ | $14.69 \%$ | $4.86 \%$ |
| AANA Section 2.4 / Advertising to Children Code | $0.20 \%$ | $2.73 \%$ | $2.95 \%$ |
| AANA Section 2.5 - Language | $4.36 \%$ | $7.55 \%$ | $1.68 \%$ |
| Food and Beverage Code | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |
|  |  | $0.37 \%$ |  |
| TOTAL | $100.00 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| REASON COMPLAINTS FELL OUTSIDE CHARTER (No.) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Outside Section 2 - Other | 108 | 70 | 89 |
| Outside Section 2 - Broadcast timing | 104 | 118 | 60 |
| Not an advertisement - Product or service | 29 | 92 | 58 |
| Within Section 1 - Misleading or deceptive | 121 | 186 | 45 |
| Not an advertisement - Other | 21 | 48 | 44 |
| Other - Other | 37 | 38 | 31 |
| Not an advertisement - TV and radio promotional material | 144 | 186 | 28 |
| Not an advertisement - Point of sale | 27 | 29 | 28 |
| Outside Section 2 - Political advertising | 10 | 11 | 26 |
| Other - Insufficient information | 0 | 34 | 23 |
| Not an advertisement - Local advertising | 30 | 14 | 21 |
| Outside Section 2 - Dislike of advertising | 30 | 25 | 19 |
| Other - Trivial complaint | 4 | 6 | 16 |
| Not an advertisement - Community service announcements | 35 | 61 | 15 |


| Not an advertisement - Program content or programming |  | 73 | 126 | 13 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Withdrawn/Discontinued - Other |  | 13 | 43 | 12 |
| Specific industry code - Alcoholic Beverages code |  | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| Not an advertisement - Internet |  | 30 | 39 | 11 |
| Not an advertisement - Loudness of ads |  | 71 | 12 | 11 |
| Within Section 1 - Legality |  | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Not an advertisement - Direct mail |  | 19 | 11 | 3 |
| Within Section 1 - Business practices |  | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| Within Section 1 - Misrepresentation |  | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Not an advertisement - Direct distribution to an individual |  | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| Not an advertisement - Label directions |  | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Within Section 1 - Misleading claim about Australian country of origin/content |  | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Specific industry code - Therapeutic Goods code |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Within Section 1 - Tobacco |  | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Not an advertisement - Product name or logo |  | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Within Section 1 - Compliance with law |  | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| Specific industry code - Weight Management code |  | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Not an advertisement - Informercial |  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Outside Section 2 - Phone sex |  | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Within Section 1 - Harm to business |  | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Other - Insufficient information |  | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL |  | 970 | 1212 | 577 |
| MEDIA ATTRACTING COMPLAINT (\%) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| TV | 85.33\% | 84.81\% | 85.81\% | 75.10\% |
| Outdoor | 6.28\% | 6.67\% | 3.67\% | 12.80\% |
| Print | 5.47\% | 4.76\% | 3.85\% | 4.08\% |
| Cinema | 0.50\% | 0.60\% | 0.42\% | 2.46\% |
| Radio | 1.74\% | 2.11\% | 4.10\% | 2.36\% |
| Transport | 0.62\% | 0.45\% | 1.73\% | 1.62\% |
| Internet | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.25\% | 1.13\% |
| Pay TV | 0.00\% | 0.25\% | 0.18\% | 0.44\% |
| Multiple Media | 0.06\% | 0.35\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Other | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| TOTAL | 100.00\% | 100.00\% | 100.00\% | 100.00\% |
| PRODUCT CATEGORY ATTRACTING COMPLAINT (\%) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Food and Beverages |  | 20.85\% | 28.14\% | 33.25\% |
| Professional services |  | 2.56\% | 5.61\% | 10.77\% |
| Vehicles |  | 15.19\% | 8.37\% | 9.92\% |
| House goods/services |  | 11.18\% | 2.15\% | 6.03\% |
| Restaurants |  | 2.91\% | 1.17\% | 5.78\% |
| Other |  | 6.67\% | 5.30\% | 3.94\% |
| Community Awareness |  | 8.02\% | 12.29\% | 3.39\% |
| Entertainment |  | 0.00\% | 2.90\% | 3.09\% |
| Toiletries |  | 5.26\% | 2.86\% | 2.94\% |
| Media |  | 0.00\% | 2.22\% | 2.84\% |
| Alcohol |  | 7.07\% | 3.14\% | 2.44\% |
| Insurance |  | 0.00\% | 2.97\% | 2.44\% |
| Clothing |  | 6.22\% | 4.31\% | 2.24\% |
| Telecommunications |  | 4.51\% | 2.40\% | 2.24\% |
| Leisure \& Sport |  | 1.45\% | 1.73\% | 2.14\% |
| Mobile Phone/SMS |  | 0.00\% | 2.44\% | 2.04\% |
| Retail |  | 0.00\% | 1.17\% | 1.65\% |
| Health Products |  | 3.46\% | 7.94\% | 1.40\% |
| Finance/Investment |  | 2.81\% | 1.80\% | 1.30\% |
| Travel |  | 1.85\% | 1.09\% | 0.15\% |
| TOTAL |  | 100.00\% | 100.00\% | 100.00\% |
| METHOD OF COMPLAINT (\%) | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| E-mail | 69.95\% | 73.08\% | 82.71\% | 84.05\% |
| Post | 25.96\% | 22.36\% | 14.47\% | 13.87\% |
| Fax | 4.09\% | 4.56\% | 2.82\% | 2.08\% |
| TOTAL | 100.00\% | 100.00\% | 100.00\% | 100.00\% |

