

To:  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committees  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to request that the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committees that are conducting a current review into classification of film and literature would also consider implementing classification of the actual advertising of movies (including "shorts" and movie posters).

Recently when checking my yahoo emails, I was exposed to an advertisement for upcoming "Rite" movie with Anthony Hopkins. I found the advert to be too offensive, as it is portraying some kind of demonic or Satanic imagery that I do not wish to look at. Even though I was not looking at the movie itself, even the poster for it was somehow horrific by its suggestive imagery of violence.

I guess that the problem with this kind of advertising is that it's a poster that can be placed anywhere e.g. internet banners, bus shelters, notice boards, magazines, etc. It's not like I can just avoid seeing it by not walking into the horror section of a 'Video Ezy' store. In addition to this, I can't stop getting those adverts when ever I open my emails. Those type of images are not something that I want to look at, and they are not something that I want my little kids to look at when they are near me and I'm writing emails on the computer. These types of horror movies that display violent or occult images and story-lines are a negative influence on our Australian society, and should not be exposed without warning to the general public, and not at all to children. I am concerned at the amount of violence, occult themes, and sexual imagery that I see on TV (especially in prime time), and believe that the Australian government should be doing more to protect the public from exposure to these sorts of programs and movies.

With regards to my email advertisement concern, I wrote a letter of complaint to Yahoo, and they just said that they need to make money somehow.

Because of this, I'm asking that your inquiry also investigates standards for the advertising of movies for internet, television, pre-movie advertising in cinemas, magazines and on billboards.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.