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Dear Committee Secretary, Senate Legal and  
Constitutional Committee,

I am writing to you concerning the  
Senate enquiry into Australia's BROKEN  
classification system.

In particular I hope the enquiry will  
focus on issues such as:

- The enforcement system (especially the  
release of the film "Salo" on DVD last  
year.)
- The effectiveness of the scheme in  
preventing the sexualization of children.
- The classification of and impact of  
R18+ and X18+ films.
- The possibility of including outdoor  
advertising (such as billboards) in the  
classification scheme.

The current system is not working & has  
not worked for years. Instead of preventing  
questionable material from getting classification  
members seem to be unable to say "NO" to be

pressure from the media.

I have written about this problem over some years. The response has been "officialise" which says nothing and last year I was disappointed that the members of the committee failed to stand up & make a decision but put it off for this inquiry.

The delay has led to a toxic media culture which is having a devastating impact on vulnerable young people - and enormous frustration to parents who want safety for their children.

Young people as they grow are being bombarded with sexual messages via everything from billboards to music videos.

Oh, for a classification system with teeth and with people who will do the job they are employed to do!

I live in hope of better things this year. I will be watching.

Yours sincerely