

Dear Australian Standing Committee,

RE: **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice.**

Thank you for taking my email submission. My wife and I with our five children moved to WA in March of 2007 on a workers visa. We recognized immediately Australia has a lower standard of acceptability on the Television than the US.

We were and still are shocked to hear the F--- word on basic Television (antenna). We were shocked to see nudity and explicit language on a regular basis and is on. Television in Australia is becoming increasing more uncomfortable and disappointing for us as a couple and as a family.

The TV shows **Californication** and **Sopranos** motivated me to turn off the TV.

Recently, I noticed TV show promotions of death, sexuality and violence being played during children's prime time viewing. So in between some kid friendly shows my 8 to 3 year olds can see a dead body, violence, and highly sexual images.

I also noticed immediately after school is a children's program with the theme of witch craft, casting spells, and lying to get out of trouble. I have now not allowed my kids to watch that program as well.

Chef Ramsey's show last week had so many F--- words in the dialogue, it became a disappointing topic at work. I believe there will be less audiences for that show in the weeks to come. We like the concept but the vial language has required us to turn off that show as well as our kids can hear it from their bed rooms.

The **Footy Show** is also highly irregular and unacceptable. We would discipline a teenage boy or a school teacher if they did a skit with a blow up doll inside a telephone booth, but the government then allows people to broadcast such a skit on national television.

I appreciate the **public schools** attempt to teach *honesty, respect, honor, self discipline, good manners and friendliness*, but Australia Television promotes lying, cheating, disrespect, sexual irresponsibility and depravity, vulgarity, and no self discipline. Then we wonder why we have the social ills we have; graffiti, drug use, suicide, depression, fighting for fun.

Please take some responsibility, raise the standards. If you don't buy the shows then the shows will not be made for general viewing. There are plenty of wonderful Television shows available, but we can't watch them because Crap is on most of the stations already. Let the lower standards be a choice for Cable Television viewers and not standard television.

In your conclusions and recommendations: Please don't insult Australians and your guest by suggesting we all have to get cable to find better shows. For many people who do not have cable television it is because we have to pay an ever increasing mortgage and the Australian Television standards are already so low we are motivated to stay away from more of the same.

Thank you for listening.

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