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Hi, I don't normally make submissions, but thought I should to help balance out the views of the extreme conservatives who will most likely be grossly over-represented here.

I just wanted to state my belief that the overwhelming majority of Australians don't have a problem with swearing, and don't like the likes of Fred Nile et al trying to force their values onto the rest of us. Only 15% of Australians go to church regularly, most of the other 85% of us are sick of that 15% trying to censor what we can watch on TV and on the internet. We're consenting adults, we should be able to make up our minds for ourselves what we can and can't watch, we don't need self-appointed moral guardians making that decision for us.

They're just a few little words for heaven's sake. Ones we all hear every day, and most of us also use them regularly. I'm not sure what research there is about how Australians feel about swearing on TV, but my guess is that the overwhelming majority really don't care. Those that do care can change the channel - no one's forcing them to watch, they can just switch their TV off and mind their own business about what other people choose to watch.

Church and state should be kept separate (which is what this is really about - fundamentalist Christians trying to push their beliefs onto everyone else).