

To the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts,

Re: Inquiry into the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice

I urge the members of the committee to balance the vocal complaints of those concerned about coarse language in shows like Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen nightmares with the million or more viewers who have explicitly consented to the show's content by viewing it. The committee should also be aware that the current mechanisms for classification and viewer education are more than adequate.

Those who are offended by coarse language would be wise not to watch television shows intended for mature audiences that carry warnings for offensive language. These warnings are included at the start of the program and in the TV guide. Parents should follow similar advice when deciding what they permit their children to watch. I believe this is the essence of the 'parental guidance' recommended by the classification of the same name.

Finally, I find it concerning that what is clearly a minority can command such a waste of elected officials' time and resources on what is I believe a rather trivial issue.

Sincerely
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