

Dear Committee Person,

I am concerned about the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice operating within the television industry with particular reference to the current classification standards being an accurate reflection of the content in the program.

I am also concerned about afternoon and early evening T.V. programs which are crowding out child friendly and family viewing programs. The programs have increasingly been taken over by adult themes, with a sexual and sometimes violent content. The viewing of these programs by children could have a very negative effect in their development. This could then affect their relationships in their future life, as they would come to see people as an object to be used rather than as a person deserving love and respect. I am concerned that through media and advertising, some children are being sexualized before they have acquired the maturity and discernment to protect themselves from predators.

Our children run the risk to become fodder for people suffering from all kinds of sexual disorders.

I hope that my concerns will be taken into consideration and will be submitted at the inquiry into the effectiveness of the broadcasting code of practice.

Yours Sincerely
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