



23rd April 2008

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communication & the Arts
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern at two things :

1. The foul language actually used on Channel 9's *Ramsey's Kitchen Nightmares*
2. The fact that both the administration of Channel 9 and the regulatory body overseeing programmes that go to air have permitted the screening of such appalling language at any time, much less in a time slot for family viewing.

It is some weeks since I was so incensed at what some TV programmer(s) considered acceptable for Australian audiences that I wanted to fire off a complaint immediately, but I did not know where to send this apart from the TV station itself.

I am now delighted to know that there is such a thing as the *Inquiry into the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice*. I would urge that steps be taken to ensure that Current Classification Standards be strengthened to prevent the screening of programmes including language such as "fucking" which a significant number of people in the community consider unacceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge this complaint,

Yours faithfully,

(Trevor Dean)