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TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 3 July 1998 the Senate resolved:

That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day after 31 October 1998:

The implications of retaining, repealing or amending paragraph 160(d) of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992, having regard to:

- (1) the meeting of Australia's cultural objectives;
- (2) the implications for Australia's international obligations and their implementation, for the conduct of its international relations, and for its international trade and trade policy interests;
- (3) the object set out in paragraph 3(e) of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992;
- (4) the role and functions of the Australian Broadcasting Authority in relation to the setting and the administration of Australian content standards; and
- (5) the Australian Broadcasting Authority's draft revised Australian content standard for free to air commercial television

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