

The Broadcasting Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am disgusted by the sex, violence, profanity and smuttiness on T.V. and Radio. It has been the source of many arguments in our family because of the negative influence these things have on our children. They want to exercise their rights to hear and watch what they choose, yet they are too young or inexperienced to understand the influence these things will have on them. For 5 years it has been a battleground in our home over what is decent and appropriate and what is not. Children argue that it wouldn't be allowed on T.V. or Radio if it was so bad. Parents are constantly forced to argue about suitability of programmes. It is illegal to use profanity and obscene language over a 2-way radio, legal action can be taken for offenders. Yet it seems T.V. and Radio Stations can broadcast anything obscene, rude, filthy, smutty, violent and profane and radio compares get highly paid for doing it.

JJJ-Triple J - youth station is disgusting and steeped in smut, obscene language and stupidity and nonsense and should be closed down. It is gross mismanagement and a waste of money to pay 2 comperes to exchange nothing but smut and profanity and expound their stupidity while on air. Songs are played which make explicit references to marijuana. While some may argue that no laws are being broken and that some argue that no laws are being broken and that some people do listen to this sort of nonsense and smut, nevertheless young people copy this talk and are influenced by the lyrics of the songs and repeat them. Much of the talk on Triple J violates common decency and decorum and is a contributing factor in the degradation of speech and mentality of young teenagers. I speak with 1st hand knowledge after witnessing what happened to my children and their speech, trying to copy announcers. People employed to compere and host T.V. and Radio shows should have a Diploma in Journalism or other such qualifications and they should have learnt what is appropriate for the public and teenage audiences and what is proper decorum and what is not. This is modern technology put to the wrong use and use to degrade young people through exposing them to sex and violence and profanity and bringing those undesirable things into every home with T.V. and Radio.

Please put shows on that are uplifting and beneficial to young people. Good parents try hard to give their children good, positive learning experiences – from people who are good role models in speech and action.

Lift the quality of T.V. and Radio!

I am disgusted with T.V. and Radio.

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