

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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22nd November 1996

To: Ian Sproat MP  
Minister of State  
for National Heritage

Sir,

YOUR STATEMENT OF 15TH NOV REGARDING TELEVISED PORN

You declared "hard core pornography, in whatever medium, is unacceptable." That is absurd. Hard core pornography is now lawful throughout Europe, from Spain to Russia. It has been legitimate in Denmark and the Netherlands since 1966, in West Germany since 1974 and in France since 1975, without ill effect. As Jacques Lang, the French Minister of Culture, declared "The State has no right to prevent citizens from seeing what they choose."

You also stated that there is "no place for hard core pornography in a society which cares about children." That is also absurd, as it means the denial of access by adults to material which is unsuitable for children-the ultimate communist nanny state! That premise is based on the false assumption that British parents are uniquely incapable of controlling viewing by their offspring.

You mentioned the powers under the Broadcasting Act 1990. Why did you ignore the Broadcasting Act 1996?

Yours for freedom of expression (even sexual)

E Goodman  
(Chair of CAC)