

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

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To: The Director  
Br Board of Film Classification

Sir.

#### R18 CERTIFICATE FOR FILMS

We refer to the enclosed information about the film "The Good Old Naughty Days". Now that your consultation has ended, we urge the following reform.

The R18 Category for Films be abolished and its criteria be substituted for the existing 18 one. There is no logic for the differentiation between 18 and R18 films (as opposed o video recordings). This is because no person under 18 years of age is allowed into any cinema showing either category. Viewers of R18 films cannot be regarded as "more adult" than those watching 18 ones. The illogical separation is based on history not logic. Cinema clubs were free from censorship until the Cinemas Act 1985 imposed the new R18 category on them.

It is unfair to condemn R18 films to the commercial oblivion of only being shown in Britain's few remaining cinema clubs when, exactly like cinemas showing 18 films, only adults can view them. Who is trying to protect whom form what and why ?

Yours for logic,

*E Goodman*

E Goodman, Chair of CAC  
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