

**CAMPAIGN**

**CENSORSHIP**

**AGAINST**

PLEASE REPLY TO:-  
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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

Ministerial Support Team

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Your Ref: 275003

Dear Ms Aspinall,

RE: BRITISH BORD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION

Thank you for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 (copy enclosed for ease of reference). Unfortunately it contains two important errors, which have resulted in you misunderstanding our complaint and thus not answering it. The errors are as follows.

(1). You state that our concern" appears to be about the Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2014." That is incorrect. CAC understands (as you point out) that those regulations merely apply BBFC classification. It is that (BBFC) classification which CAC impugns, because it prohibits the depiction of a whole range lawful activities. That is illegal under the Human Rights Act (Freedom of Expression). It is that issue that must be addressed

(2) You state that the Government has no role in BBFC activity. That is incorrect. The Department of Culture is responsible for the BBFC and enforces the latter's prohibitions. Your Department must therefore answer CAC's complaint about illegal activity by BBFC. Please do so.

Yours sincerely,

E. Goodman, Chair of CAC.