

The Executive Director Australian Law Reform Commission

We the undersigned write to express concern

1. that Australian law permits realistic depictions of only a limited set of female genitals in literature and film
2. that this limitation creates a misleading picture of normal, beautiful or healthy genitals
3. this false norm causes people to falsely judge themselves to be abnormal
4. this judgement causes inappropriate emotional disturbance and can lead to drastic measures, such as unnecessary cosmetic surgery

We ask

1. that the law be adjusted to allow realistic depiction of the genitals of all women (provide they are willing and of age)
2. that the law be adjusted such that any image of genitals that purports to be realistic actually be realistic
3. that manipulation of photographs or video images of genitals be limited to artistic productions only and outlawed in educational documents and pornography

with thanks

	Name	From	Comments
1.	Michaela Baker	North Ryde, Australia	
2.	Rachel Robbins	Sydney, Australia	
3.	Mick Moran	Mile End, Australia	
4.	Ed Laurson	Denver, CO	
5.	Michael Kirkby	Toronto, Canada	
6.	cindy leon	Fremantle, Australia	
7.	Bernice Plant	Ryde, Australia	
8.	Christopher Butsch	Mount Angel, OR	
9.	A Tanth	Richmond, Canada	
10.	Linda Carruthers	Evatt, Australia	
11.	Nic Badcock	Neutral Bay, Australia	
12.	Eileen Novak	Omaha, NE	
13.	Anita Ketel	Uden, Netherlands	I couldn't agree with this petition more Dr. Carruthers and Dr. Robbins; women are unique, and so are their genitals. The fashion now is to have a sort of coffee-bean like vagina which you only see on new born baby girls. Labia come in all shapes and sizes so WOMEN OF THE WORLD... accept your normal shape and have fun with it!
14.	jeanette Kennett	McMahons Point, Australia	
15.	Bettina Lorenz	Rhede, Germany	
16.	Ellen Carruthers	Berri, Australia	
17.	Laura Bottrill	Bowden, Australia	
18.	Elizabeth Schier	Oatlands, Australia	
19.	Samantha Helsham	Black Forest, Australia	
20.	Elizabeth Argall	Seattle, WA	The current lack of access to depictions of healthy, diverse genitalia makes women vulnerable to predatory labiaplasty information. As someone who has spoken openly about her labiaplasty (because of tissue shedding caused by lichenous dermatitis) women have spoken to me about their own labial/body image issues caused by trimmed images. Healthy, normal genitalia of adult should not be fetishized... which is what the current censorship standards do.
21.	Geoff Parsons	Mallala, Australia	

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22.	Karen Baker	Newcastle, Australia	
23.	Sara Hanson	Hoppers Crossing, Australia	
24.	Lily Chrywenstrom	Adelaide, Australia	
25.	Freya Harris	Atlanta, GA	
26.	Ashley Webb	Clarkesville, GA	This is just crazy.
27.	Dolly Bisala	London, United Kingdom	
28.	Nicole Norris	Belconnen, Australia	
29.	Ben Norris	Canberra, Australia	
30.	Patrya Kay	KAMBAH, Australia	
31.	Jill Tomlinson	Richmond, Australia	
32.	Colleen Juliano	Millbrae, CA	
33.	Lucy McLeod	Shortland, Australia	My early teenage years were made miserable by the fact that my "bits" were different to all the ones on TV and in magazines. I thought I was some sort of freak. All because of some ridiculous censorship guidelines! I want future generations of women - and men, for that matter - to understand that healthy lady parts come in all shapes and sizes.
34.	Melanie Dorrington	Lyons, Australia	
35.	Antonella Ventura	NORTH BONDI, Australia	
36.	Charlotte Elder	Australia, Australia	
37.	Ferrinne Spector	Madison, WI	
38.	Annie Thackway	Holder, Australia	
39.	Darren Burke	north rocks, Australia	
40.	Benedict Cusack	Sydney, Australia	