



For the attention of Commonwealth, State and Territory Classification enforcement agencies

The Classification Branch has received a number of inquiries from State and Territory enforcement agencies regarding the classification history of the film, *Barnens ö* (also known as *Children's Island*). Given the breadth of inquiries received by the Branch, it is both appropriate and timely that the classification status of the film be clarified. It is recommended that agencies review the information contained herein and disseminate it to relevant officers and staff.

On 1 October 2013, the Classification Board classified item *ACMA INV-0000-3781*, which was referred to the Board by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The item consisted of a webpage, embedded in a Word document and included an attached video file of the film, *Barnens ö*. For the purposes of classification, item *ACMA INV-0000-3781* is described in the Classification Board's decision report as follows:

"The content consists of what appears to be a page from a website...embedded within a one-page word document (titled: "ACMA INV-0000-3781") submitted on a DVD. There is a video file attached (BarnensO) to the item which contains the Swedish film, Barnens O."

The Classification Board classified item *ACMA INV-0000-3781* as R18+.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) sought a review of the Classification Board's decision and, on 23 October 2013, the Classification Review Board classified *ACMA INV-0000-3781* as Refused Classification (RC). This decision overturned the Classification Board's R18+ decision.

It is important to note that the Classification Board's decision of 1 October 2013, and the subsequent review relating to that decision by the Classification Review Board of 23 October 2013, relate only to item *ACMA INV-0000-3781*, specifically a webpage embedded within a one-page Word document including a video file containing the film *Barnens ö*. Neither the Classification Board's original decision, nor the Classification Review Board's subsequent decision serve as a classification of the film, *Barnens ö*. Both decisions were made about the ACMA item *ACMA INV-0000-3781*, which consisted of additional content, not just a stand-alone film.

To that end, the film *Barnens ö* has not been classified in Australia and therefore remains an unclassified film in Australia.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Client Manager – Operations, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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