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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 118/03

2. Advertiser Arnott's Biscuits Ltd (Snack Right)

3. Product Food4. Type of advertisement TV

5. Nature of complaint Discrimination or vilification Race – section 2.1

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 13 May 2003

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

This television advertisement features vision of fresh fruit with children's voices speaking on behalf of each. Under an apple and a grape, voices say: "When I grow up, I want to be a biscuit." Under vision of an orchard, a male voiceover states: "Help these kids achieve their dream to be something more than a fruit salad or a bottle of wine. Help them become Arnott's Snack Right." A presenter is shown in the orchard location, removing a biscuit from a Snack Right pack and addressing the camera, saying: "Full of fruit and over 90 percent fat-free. Its Snack Right. You'll make yourself, and a little blackberry somewhere, really happy". The advertisement concludes with the advertiser's brand signature.

THE COMPLAINT

Comments which the complainant/s made regarding this advertisement included the following:

"The Ad is obviously a send-up of the Foreign Aid Child Sponsorship-type ads...I find it very offensive...."

THE DETERMINATION

The Advertising Standards Board ('the Board') considered whether this advertisement breaches Section 2 of the Advertiser Code of Ethics ('the Code').

The Board noted the intended humour of the advertisement, and determined that it did not constitute discrimination and/or vilification as represented in the Code.

As the material did not breach the Code on any other grounds, the Board dismissed the complaint.