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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 139/03

2. Advertiser Broadmeadow Motos

3. Product Vehicles4. Type of advertisement TV

5. Nature of complaint Portrayal of sex/sexuality/nudity – section 2.3

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 13 May 2003

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

This television advertisement opens on a series of captions superimposed over a view of a car sales yard. As a voiceover says "Satisfy all your wants at Broadmeadow Motors", a halter-topped young woman comes into view and appears to soap the screen in the manner of car washing. The advertisement concludes with contact details for the car sales business.

THE COMPLAINT

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

"...there was no need for the woman at the end. I believe she is portrayed as a sex symbol and the voiceover about 'satisfying wants' is sexually suggestive, as is her attire. I consider the ad sexist.."

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 determined that this advertisement did not contravene the Code in relation to the portrayal of sex, sexuality and/or nudity.

Finding that the material did not breach any other provisions of the Code, the Board dismissed the complaint.