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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 200/02

2. Advertiser The Australian Laser Clinic Pty Ltd

3. Product Professional Services

4. Type of advertisement TV

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

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 10 September 2002

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

The Board viewed a visual depiction of the advertisement. The advertisement displayed 4 images showing:

- 1) a man's chest with hair, and adjacent with no hair on his chest.
- 2) a woman in underwear showing hair around her bikini line, and adjacent with no hair apparent.

The accompanying printed words were: "Permanent Reduction—over 250,000 procedures to date."

THE COMPLAINT

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

"The advertisement contains graphic photos of "before and after"...the offensive photo to me is that of a female's pubic hair growing all round her frontal parts and looks quite disgusting...this photo is especially UGLY..."

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 the advertisement did not breach the Code in the portrayal of sex/sexuality/nudity.

Finding that the advertising did not contravene any other sections of the Code, the Board, dismissed the complaint.