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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 220/01

2. Advertiser Panasonic Aust Pty Ltd (digital still camera)

3. Product Other4. Type of advertisement TV

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

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 11 September 2001

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

This television advertisement features a party scene in which three high-spirited women simultaneously lift their blouses, revealing their bras to the camera. The caption "Panasonic digital still cameras" is superimposed at the end of the advertisement.

THE COMPLAINT

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

"The three women, all standing in a row, laughing, lift their shirts and flash their chests at the camera—they are all wearing bras of various sorts and are from small to large-breasted. My complaint is that this seems to be an extremely gratuitous use of semi-nudity, and it is of a somewhat sexual nature."

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 content of this advertisement did not contravene the Code in relation to the portrayal of sex/sexuality/nudity. It further found that the material did not breach the Code on any other grounds and, accordingly, dismissed the complaint.