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CASE REPORT

Complaint reference number
Advertiser
Product
Type of advertisement
300/02
Ella Bache
Toiletries
Print

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

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 10 December 2002

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

This print advertisement depicts an apparently naked young woman with long hair, leaning slightly backwards. Visible from her thighs upwards in a side perspective, it appears that she is wearing a skin-coloured bodysuit. In the lower portion of the advertisement, words appear stating: 'Add some colour to what you wear this summer.' This is accompanied by an image of Ella Baché Great Tan Without Sun products.

THE COMPLAINT

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

- "...If such ads need to go in (and they really don't), they should not be in the children's section..."
- "...If this picture of a naked woman were in a store it would be in a sealed plastic wrapper so that children could not get to it...I do not believe that this sort of picture is at all appropriate..."
- "...I for one find it again offensive that women are constantly portrayed for their bodies/shape etc. ...it does not look good for the future..."
- "...It features a large photo of a naked woman. I have young children and I feel this image is too mature to be placed in a general Sunday paper..."

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 material did not breach the Code in relation to the portrayal of sex, sexuality and/or nudity, and did not breach any other provisions of the Code. A ccordingly, the complaint was dismissed.