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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 351/06

2. Advertiser Kellogg Australia Pty Ltd (All Bran)

3. Product Food & Beverages

4. Type of advertisement TV

5. Nature of complaint Other - Social values

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 12 September 2006

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

This television advertisement depicts a female TV news reporter relaying "Twenty years after being jailed for defying a court order, Derryn Hinch is facing another stint behind bars". As Derryn is shown in the background standing outside what appear to be a courthouse, the reporter asks "What have you done this time, Derryn?" Derryn replies that it's all a mistake – that this time he is in reality "getting right behind Kellogg's All-Bran Baked Bars. And why wouldn't I – with mouth-watering sultanas and just a hint of cinnamon they're beautiful, moist and oven-baked. In fact, you wouldn't believe a snack with fibre could taste so delicious!" The news reporter concludes "Don't just take Derryn's word for it – for a delicious snack try new Kellogg's All-Bran Baked Bars for yourself".

THE COMPLAINT

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

The add (sic) about Darren (sic) Hinch being behind bars again was in extreme bad taste since the last crime he was charged with was the rape of a women (sic)

THE ADVERTISER'S RESPONSE

Comments which the advertiser made in response to the complaint/s regarding this advertisement included the following:

(The complainant's) claim that Mr Hinch was charged for the rape of a woman is incorrect. One can only suppose that she is referring to the allegations made against Mr Hinch by Ms Martinek. I note that it has been reported in the media that the Victorian Office of Public Prosecutions has recommended that no charges be laid.

The television commercial was created before Ms Martinek's allegations were made; and includes a reference to the time Mr Hinch served in prison for contempt of court. The commercial, for a snack bar, is simply a light hearted play on the words "behind bars".

THE DETERMINATION

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