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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 379/99

2. Advertiser Housing Innovations Australia

3. Product Finance/Investment

4. Type of advertisement TV

5. Nature of complaint Discrimination or vilification Other – section 2.1

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 7 December 1999

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

The television advertisement commences with a woman talking to camera, asking 'I'm at home with the kids - only my husband works - can we get a home of our own?' Voiceover answers 'With Housing Innovations, yes you can'. The advertisement also includes two other scenes in which people ask if they may qualify for a home loan given their individual circumstances.

THE COMPLAINT

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

"I find this statement offensive as it denotes that homemakers don't work."

THE DETERMINATION

The Advertising Standards Board ('the Board') considered whether this advertisement breached Section 2 of the Advertiser Code of Ethics ('the Code').

The Board determined that the portrayal of the woman within the advertisement did not constitute discrimination or vilification. The Board determined that the advertisement did not breach the Code on this or any other ground and, accordingly, dismissed the complaint.