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Classification Review Board

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MEDIA RELEASE

Consumer advice for *Charlie Wilson's War* amended upon review

A four-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the consumer advice for the film *Charlie Wilson's War* is 'Moderate coarse language, drug references and violence; partial nudity'. The film maintains its M (Mature) classification.

In the Classification Review Board's opinion *Charlie Wilson's War* warrants this change in consumer advice because "an initial hot tub scene, which sets the tone of the movie and contributes to the M rating of the film, depicts some partial nudity" said Classification Review Board Acting Convenor, Trevor Griffin.

"In addition, the Review Board considered that the consumer advice should raise the description of violence to 'moderate' level".

Films classified M are not recommended for viewing by persons under 15 years of age. Consumer advice is additional information about the main content of a film which is intended to help consumers decide if they want to view this type of material.

The Classification Review Board convened today in response to an application from the Minister for Home Affairs to review the decision made by the Classification Board to apply the consumer advice 'Moderate coarse language and drug references, Violence' to the film *Charlie Wilson's War* on 15 January 2008.

In reviewing the classification, the Classification Review Board worked within the same framework of the National Classification Scheme, applying the provisions of the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, the National Classification Code and the Guidelines for the Classification of Films and Computer Games. This is the same framework used by the Classification Board.

The Classification Review Board is an independent merits review body. Meeting in camera, it makes a fresh classification decision upon receipt of an application for review. This Classification Review Board decision takes the place of the original decision made by the Classification Board.

The Classification Review Board's reasons for this decision will appear on the Classification website when finalised.

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