



5 June 2016

The Convenor

Classification Review Board

By email: crb@classification.gov.au;

Subject: Review of the film *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles_ out of the shadows* (M) 2016

This submission relates to the CRB review of the classification assigned to the 2016 film *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles_ out of the shadows*. This film was classified M by the Classification Board on 30 May, with the consumer advice “Action violence”.

We apologise for the late arrival of this submission, but ACCM reviewers were able to attend a preview of this film at the weekend, and the information gained informs our submission.

ACCM understand that the applicant for review is seeking to have the film reclassified PG.

ACCM is opposed to such reclassification and requests that the CRB accept its submission below as from an interested party.

The ACCM is an interested party by virtue of its long and active involvement in classification issues as they relate to children. ACCM’s views are well informed by virtue of its 12 years of providing reviews related to the age –appropriateness of current films, and through its ongoing study of the research relating to the impact of the content of films on children, especially in early childhood.

ACCM has viewed the film. In our opinion, the violence in this film is not both “**mild and infrequent**” as is required if the film is to be classified PG.

The film has numerous (amounting to close to half of the film’s screen time) sequences of action violence, the cumulative impact of which makes the film appropriate for an M classification. The violent scenes are not “infrequent”.

In ACCM’s view, the impact of this frequently violent film is increased by use of slow motion footage and lengthy fight scenes, and is not sufficiently modified by its often comic/cartoon tone.

ACCM believes that this film is appropriately classified M.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Biggins'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

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