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Classification Board classifies a modified version of Salo o le 120 Giornate di Sodoma R 18+ (Restricted)

The Classification Board has classified the modified version of *Salo O Le 120 Giornate Di Sodoma (Salo)* in DVD format **R 18**+ (**Restricted**) with the consumer advice 'Scenes of torture and degradation, sexual violence and nudity'.

Films classified R 18+ are legally restricted to adults. Some material classified R 18+ may be offensive to some sections of the adult community. Consumer advice is additional information which is intended to help consumers decide if they want to view this type of material.

Salo has had a complex and controversial classification history in Australia and a number of different versions of the film have been submitted for classification over a long period of time.

The Director of the Classification Board, Donald McDonald, has advised that this version of *Salo* could be accommodated within the R 18+ classification due to the inclusion of 176 minutes of additional material which provided a context to the feature film, mitigating its impact.

Mr McDonald wishes to draw attention to the fact that the film is classified R 18+, a classification category that is legally restricted to adults. "This is a film that is unsuitable for a minor to see."

The Classification Board wishes to emphasise that this film is classified R 18+ based on the fact that it contains additional material. Screening this film in a cinema without the additional material would constitute a breach of classification laws.

Consumers can check the classification and consumer advice for every film and game classified in Australia by searching the classification website.

The classification database along with information about the categories of classification can be accessed at: www.classification.gov.au

Statement authorised by Donald McDonald, Classification Board.

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