



## **Australian Government**

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## **Classification Review Board**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### ***American Hustle* classified M**

A three-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the film *American Hustle* is classified **M (Mature)** with the consumer advice 'Frequent coarse language'.

The National Classification Code and Classification Guidelines allows for coarse language to be used. In the Classification Review Board's opinion *American Hustle* warrants an M classification because the film contains coarse language.

The overall impact of the classifiable elements in the film was no higher than moderate.

Films classified M is not recommended for 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 original applicant, Roadshow Film Distributors to review the decision made by the Classification Board on 2 December 2013 to classify *American Hustle* **MA 15+** with the consumer advice 'Strong coarse language'.

In reviewing the classification, the Classification Review Board worked within the 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*. This is the same framework used by the Classification Board.

The Classification Review Board is an independent merits review body. 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.

***Statement authorised by Victoria Rubensohn AM, Convenor, Classification Review Board***