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## Classification Review Board

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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### ***Saints Row IV* classified Refused Classification**

A three-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the computer game *Saints Row IV* is classified **Refused Classification**.

In the Review Board's opinion, *Saints Row IV* could not be accommodated within the R 18+ classification as drug use related to incentives and rewards is not permitted.

Computer games classified RC cannot be sold, hired, demonstrated or advertised in Australia.

The Review Board convened on Monday 29 July 2013 in response to an application from Koch Media GmbH, to review the decision made by the Classification Board on 19 June 2013 to classify *Saints Row IV* **Refused Classification**.

In reviewing the classification, the 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 Computer Games*. This is the same framework used by the Classification Board.

The 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 Review Board decision takes the place of the original decision made by the Classification Board.

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

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