



Australian Government

Classification Review Board

20 October 2017

Media release—*Jigsaw* classified MA 15+

A three-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the film *Jigsaw* is classified **MA 15+ (Mature Accompanied)** with the consumer advice 'Strong themes and strong horror violence'.

The National Classification Code and Classification Guidelines requires the treatment of strong themes to be justified by context at the **MA 15+** level. In the Classification Review Board's opinion *Jigsaw* warrants an **MA 15+** classification because the horror theme and violence is strong in impact.

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

Films classified **MA 15+** are considered unsuitable for persons under 15 years of age. It is a legally restricted category. 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, StudioCanal Pty Limited to review the decision made by the Classification Board on 9 October 2017 to classify *Jigsaw* **R 18+** with the consumer advice 'High impact horror violence'.

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 Fiona Jolly, Convenor, Classification Review Board.