



Australian Government

Classification Review Board

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***Split* film classified M**

A three-member panel of the Classification Review Board has unanimously determined that the film *Split* is classified **M (Mature)** with the consumer advice 'Mature themes, violence and occasional coarse language'.

In films classified M, the Classification Guidelines require that the treatment of themes have no more than a moderate sense of threat or menace, and be justified by context. Moderate violence is permitted. Aggressive or strong coarse language should be infrequent and justified by context.

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

Films classified **M** are not recommended for persons under 15 years of age. There are no legal restrictions on access. The impact of the classifiable elements for material classified M should be no higher than moderate. 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 an aggrieved party, Consumers of Mental Health WA (Inc) (CoMHWA) to review the decision made by the Classification Board on 8 December 2016 to classify *Split* **M** with the consumer advice 'Mature themes, violence and 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 and Computer Games*. 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 Peter Price OAM, Classification Review Board