



LICENSING ACT 2003

Request to make a recommendation in respect of restrictions to access by children to screening of six films under the general heading of “Tour de Moon”

Decision Record

APPLICANT: Tour de Moon

FILMS: ‘Barnacled’, ‘As the Moon Mourns’, ‘Lamp’, ‘People Carry Place’, ‘Moonphase’ and ‘Osupa’

DATE OF HEARING: 9th June, 2022

MEMBERS SITTING: Cllrs Jessica Auton, P.J. Cullum (Chairman) and Christine Guinness

DECISION

To apply a film classification of U in respect of the following films:

'Barnacled'

'As the Moon Mourns'

'People Carry Place'

'Osupa'

To apply a film classification of PG in respect of the following films:

'Lamp'

'Moonphase'

REASONS

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of U was justified for the film **'Barnacled'** for the following reasons:

- It contained no material likely to harm or offend.
- The film included some mild references to sexual content however, the Sub-Committee considered that these references portrayed a positive view of relationships or would be unlikely to harm or offend within the context of the film.

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of U was justified for the film **'As the Moon Mourns'** for the following reasons:

- It contained no material likely to harm or offend.
- The film contained some images of a violent nature however the sub-committee considered that the brevity of these images together with the lack of specific detail permitted them under the classification of U. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the tone of the film, including the absence of sound counterbalanced the violent images.
- The theme of the film related to the combustion of earth however the subcommittee were satisfied that the portrayal was not such that they considered it to be a credible real-world scenario which would be likely to cause young viewers to be anxious.

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of U was justified for the film **'People Carry Place'** for the following reasons:

- It contained no material likely to harm or offend.

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of U was justified for the film **'Osupa'** for the following reasons:

- It contained no material likely to harm or offend.
- There was some representation of nudity depicted but the Sub-

Committee were satisfied that this was not of a sexual nature.

- The film included an abduction to the moon however the subcommittee did not consider this to be threatening or likely to cause anxiety.

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of PG was justified for the film '**Lamp**' for the following reasons:

- Contains mild threat
- The film included images of bodies in trees which the Sub-Committee felt that younger viewers may find unsettling. It was considered that the soundtrack and tone of the film coupled with the images amounted to mild threat however, the abstract portrayal prevented the requirement for a higher classification.

The Sub-Committee considered that a classification of PG was justified for the film '**Moonphase**' for the following reasons:

- Contains two instances of bad language. The Sub-Committee felt that the language was not severe and was used non-aggressively and was therefore acceptable for a PG rating.
- It was considered that the relationship portrayed in the film was not set in a positive framework and should therefore be watched by young viewers with parental guidance.
- The sub-committee considered that some mildly harmful behaviour had been made to appear normal.