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## **No Confidence In Classification Board**

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia has expressed “no confidence” in the Australian Classification Board and says the federal government should sack its members.

“We are appalled that the Australian Classification Board has placed no restriction on *Gender Queer – A Memoir* that features cartoon-style explicit sexual content that is obviously aimed at young readers,” said FamilyVoice gender spokesman David d’Lima.

“We have no confidence in the Australian Classification Board and we urge the federal government to replace its members with people who are prepared to protect children and teenagers from confusing, explicit and harmful material.”

The 2019 book by Maia Kobabe features graphic descriptions and sexually explicit cartoon pictures within the context of exploring a confused sexual identity. It is widely banned in the United States of America.

“It’s unacceptable for the Australian Classification Council to simply provide consumer advice that the book is not recommended for readers under 15 years,” David d’Lima said.

“Parents should have confidence that material openly accessible to children and teenagers who visit bookshops and public libraries will be appropriate and will not add to the growing problem of identity confusion,” David d’Lima said.

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