



File No: T13/2715

**Australian Government**  
**Classification Board**

**Decision Report**

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**Production Details:**

Title: WOLF CREEK 2  
Alternate titles:  
Director/s: GREG MCLEAN  
Producer/s: HELEN LEAKE / GREG MCLEAN / STEVE TOPIC  
Year of Production: 2013  
Duration: 106 MINUTES  
Version: ORIGINAL  
Format: DCP  
Country/ies of origin: AUSTRALIA  
Language/s: ENGLISH  
Application type: FPE2  
Applicant: ROADSHOW FILM DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD

**Dates:**

Date application received by the Classification Board: 08 August 2013  
Date of decision: 26 August 2013

**Decision:**

Classification: R 18+  
Consumer advice: High impact violence

*original feature film*

## Synopsis:

In Wolf Creek 2, outback serial killer, Mick Taylor, is again on a rampage, stalking and killing backpackers visiting Wolf Creek.

## Reasons for the Decision:

In making this decision, the Classification Board has applied the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (the Classification Act), the National Classification Code (the Code) and the Guidelines for the Classification of Films 2012 (the Guidelines).

In the Board's view this film warrants an R 18+ classification as, in accordance with item 3 of the films table of the National Classification Code, it contains material that is unsuitable for a minor to see.

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Classification of Films, this film is classified R 18+ as the impact of the classifiable elements is high. Material classified R 18+ is legally restricted to adults. Some material classified R 18+ may be offensive to sections of the adult community.

The classifiable element is violence that is high in viewing impact.

The examples described below do not represent an exhaustive list of the content that caused the film to be classified R 18+.

### VIOLENCE

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The film contains violence that is high in viewing impact.

Violence in the film is episodic and realistic, as serial killer, Mick Taylor, stalks and kills his victims invariably using knives and guns. The violence results in copious, realistic blood and gore effects and includes decapitation and dismemberment. Sound effects (ie. bones breaking, wet, blood splatter effects) also adds to the impact of the realistic, violent depictions. Examples include but are not limited to the following (with approximate times):

At 7 minutes, Taylor implicitly shoots the top half of a police man's head off with a rifle as he chases a police car down a road. Seen from a side view, two police men are shown seated in the car as the younger police man driving is suddenly hit by a shot in the head from behind resulting in a large splatter of blood and brain matter splashing onto the windscreen. The post action visual reveals the top half of the man's head missing as his remains are depicted with realistic blood, flesh and viscera detail. The visual of the dead male is repeatedly shown from various angles throughout the scene.

In an extended scene starting at 27 minutes, Taylor argues with a backpacker, Rutger, who is camping near Wolf Creek. Taylor suddenly pulls out a knife and stabs Rutger in the back. Entry point is shown in close-up and the sound effects of breaking bones are heard as Taylor pulls the knife upwards. He drops Rutger to the ground and walks over to Rutger's girlfriend who appears from the tent. Taylor slaps her face and as she falls to the ground, he lifts the knife up as if to stab her head. Taylor stabs the ground next to her face and proceeds to tie her hands together above her head. He touches her breasts outside her shirt and rips her underpants off below screen as he straddles her body. Rutger suddenly appears and starts hitting Taylor from behind and the two exchange punches. Taylor finally grabs Rutger and implicitly breaks his neck and proceeds to slice his throat using his large blade. The depiction, shown in close-up, includes Taylor slowly slicing the male's throat from side to side resulting in a large realistic gaping wound where blood oozes out. Camera pans out as Taylor, still holding Rutger's head, starts sawing at the dead male's neck in an explicit depiction. Realistic sound and visual effects include the sound of knife on bone and blood spurts as Taylor finally decapitates Rutger. A post action visual shows Taylor holding Rutger's blood dripping head up. The following scene cuts between the female waking up and seeing Taylor apparently at work dismembering Rutger's body. A bloody torso missing arms and legs is seen lying on a bench attached to Taylor's truck. Taylor turns around and is viewed holding what appears to be a bloody penis in his hand before returning to cut into the torso with a saw. He makes an incision in the abdomen of the bloody torso and pulls out internal organs which he deposits into a box. The visuals include extended and realistic blood, flesh, bone and gore detail.

At 88 minutes, a male is held captive by Taylor and is shown tied to a chair. Taylor grabs the male's hand and fastens it in a vice. In a close-up depiction, Taylor, using a circular saw,

explicitly saws off one of the male's fingers. Blood spurts as the finger falls off and reveals bone and realistic flesh detail.

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED OR NOTED

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The Board notes that the film contains coarse language and themes that can be accommodated within a lower classification.

**Decision:**

This film is classified R 18+ with consumer advice of high impact violence.





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Director/s: GREG MCLEAN  
Producer/s: HELEN LEAKE / GREG MCLEAN / STEVE TOPIC  
Year of Production: 2013  
Duration: 104 MINUTES  
Version: MODIFIED  
Format: DVD  
Country/ies of origin: AUSTRALIA  
Language/s: ENGLISH  
Application type: FPE2  
Applicant: ROADSHOW FILM DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD

**Dates:**

Date application received by the Classification Board: 04 December 2013  
Date of decision: 17 December 2013

**Decision:**

Classification: MA 15+  
Consumer advice: Strong bloody violence and coarse language

*modified feature film*

## **Synopsis:**

A modified version of the Australian thriller, *Wolf Creek 2*, which centres on outback serial killer, Mick Taylor, who, once again, goes on a rampage, stalking and killing backpackers visiting Wolf Creek.

## **Reasons for the Decision:**

In making this decision, the Classification Board has applied the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (the Classification Act), the National Classification Code (the Code) and the Guidelines for the Classification of Films 2012 (the Guidelines).

In the Board's view this film warrants an MA 15+ classification as, in accordance with item 4 of the films table of the National Classification Code, it is unsuitable for viewing by persons under 15.

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Classification of Films, this film is classified MA 15+ as the impact of the classifiable elements is strong. Material classified MA 15+ is considered unsuitable for persons under 15 years of age. It is a legally restricted category.

The Board notes that the original version of this feature has been previously classified R 18+ (with consumer advice of high impact violence) on 26 August 2013.

In the Board's opinion this modified version of the film does not contain any classifiable elements that exceed a strong impact level, therefore this film can be accommodated within the MA 15+ classification with consumer advice of strong bloody violence and coarse language.

Please note that the examples described below do not represent an exhaustive list of the modifications to content that allowed the film to be classified MA 15+.

A scene viewed at approximately 7 minutes, was, in the original version, considered high in impact as it featured post action visuals of a missing section of the top half of a (shot) police officer's head and bloody remains (including torn flesh and viscera) that were realistic and detailed. In this modified version, the two police officers are viewed face-on through the windscreen as Taylor implicitly shoots the younger police man in the head. This is depicted through the windscreen suddenly being splattered with bloody matter before the car, out of control, goes off the road and crashes. A very brief visual featuring the dead man's remains in the background is viewed at approximately 9 minutes.

An extended scene viewed at approximately 77 minutes, was, in the original version, considered high in impact as it featured an explicit, close-up depiction of Taylor, using an electrical tool, sawing off one of his victim's fingers. Blood was viewed spurting as the finger fell off with bone and realistic flesh detail viewed. In this modified version, the removal of the victim's fingers, while bloody, occurs below screen or is obscured with no explicit injury viewed.

## **LANGUAGE**

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The film contains use of strong coarse language in the form of the word "cunt" as well as use of the word "fuck" and derivatives throughout.

## **Decision:**

This film is classified MA 15+ with consumer advice of strong bloody violence and coarse language.



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Director/s: GREG MCLEAN  
Producer/s: HELEN LEAKE / GREG MCLEAN / STEVE TOPIC  
Year of Production: 2013  
Duration: 179 MINUTES  
Version: MODIFIED  
Format: BLU-RAY  
Country/ies of origin: AUSTRALIA  
Language/s: ENGLISH  
Application type: ACA-C  
Applicant: ROADSHOW ENTERTAINMENT

**Dates:**

Date application received by the Classification Board: 24 April 2014  
Date of decision: 01 May 2014

**Decision:**

Classification: R 18+  
Consumer advice: High impact violence

## **Synopsis:**

This 3-disc set includes the previously classified R18+ (unmodified) version of the Australian feature film *Wolf Creek 2* (disc 1), the feature with audio-commentary by the director, Greg McLean, (disc 2) and Extras - the Making of *Wolf Creek 2* and Deleted Scenes (disc 3). This is the second film about the psychopathic, outback serial killer, Mick Taylor.

## **Reasons for the Decision:**

In making this decision, the Classification Board has applied the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (the Classification Act), the National Classification Code (the Code) and the Guidelines for the Classification of Films 2012 (the Guidelines).

In the Board's view this film warrants an R 18+ classification as, in accordance with item 3 of the films table of the National Classification Code, it contains material that is unsuitable for a minor to see.

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Classification of Films, this film is classified R 18+ as the impact of the classifiable elements is high. Material classified R 18+ is legally restricted to adults. Some material classified R 18+ may be offensive to sections of the adult community.

The classifiable element is violence that is high in viewing impact.

### **OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED OR NOTED**

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The Board notes that in making this decision consideration was given to information supplied under section 14(5) of the Classification Act. This section allows, where a film comprises one or more classified films and/or one or more exempt films and additional content, for an applicant who is of the opinion that it would be classified R 18+ or lower to supply an assessment of the classification and consumer advice for the additional content. The person who prepares the assessment must be an authorised person under section 22(D) of the Classification Act.

The Board also notes that the classified feature which comprises part of this film was classified R18+ with consumer advice for high impact violence on 26/08/2013.

The Board agrees with the recommended classification of R18+ and consumer advice of high impact violence for the additional content.

## **Decision:**

This film is classified R 18+ with consumer advice of high impact violence.





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Application type: ACA-C  
Applicant: ROADSHOW ENTERTAINMENT

**Dates:**

Date application received by the Classification Board: 09 April 2014  
Date of decision: 05 May 2014

**Decision:**

Classification: MA 15+  
Consumer advice: Strong bloody violence and coarse language

**Synopsis:**

A previously classified film titled Wolf Creek 2 and additional content in the form of an audio commentary.

**Reasons for the Decision:**

In making this decision, the Classification Board has applied the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 (the Classification Act), the National Classification Code (the Code) and the Guidelines for the Classification of Films 2012 (the Guidelines).

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The Board also notes that the classified film that comprises part of this film was classified MA 15+ with consumer advice for strong bloody violence and coarse language on 17/12/2013.

The Board agrees with the recommended classification of MA 15+ and consumer advice of strong coarse language for the additional content.

**Decision:**

This film is classified MA 15+ with consumer advice of strong bloody violence and coarse language.



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**Dates:**

Date application received by the Classification Board: 24 April 2014  
Date of decision: 05 May 2014

**Decision:**

Classification: MA 15+  
Consumer advice: Strong bloody violence and coarse language

**Synopsis:**

A previously classified film titled Wolf Creek 2 and additional content in the form of an audio commentary and deleted scenes.

**Reasons for the Decision:**

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The Board agrees with the recommended classification of MA 15+ and consumer advice of strong coarse language for the additional content.

**Decision:**

This film is classified MA 15+ with consumer advice of strong bloody violence and coarse language.