

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:** Happy Feet  
**Other Known Title:** Not Stated  
**Format:** Film 35mm  
**Director/Author:** George Miller  
**Producer/Publisher:** Doug Mitchell, et al.  
**Country of Origin:** USA  
**Language:** English  
**Applicant:** Chief Censor  
**Distributor:** Roadshow Film Distributors

<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted: Parental guidance recommended for younger viewers.
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**Descriptive Note:** Some scenes may scare very young children.

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 12 March 2007

**Date of direction to issue a label:** 08 March 2007

**OFLC No:** 700172

**Unexcised version of publication:**

	<b>Components</b>	<b>Running time</b>
<b>Feature:</b>	Happy Feet	109.44
<b>Total running time:</b>		109.44

**Excisions:** No Excisions Recommended

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons  
for classification:**

The 35mm film entitled *Happy Feet* is classified as:  
Unrestricted: Parental guidance recommended for younger viewers.

*Happy Feet* is an animated film with characters that are anthropomorphised animals, birds and fish and voices dubbed in by well known Hollywood actors. The Chief Censor directed the Secretary for Internal Affairs to obtain a copy of the DVD under s13(3) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), after complaints from members of the public that the existing rating of Unrestricted: Suitable for general audiences (G) was too low.

The film is classified as unrestricted but with parental guidance recommended for younger viewers due to the low-level sexual references contained in dialogue and song lyrics, and to the sometimes disturbing and frightening scenes of characters being menaced by larger mammals or birds and sudden appearances of large man-made vessels and machinery. The feature deals with some serious and sometimes upsetting themes for children. The cute and cuddly aspects of the anthropomorphised penguins and the frequent use of humour means that these elements have an impact suitable for viewing by a wide range of ages. Nevertheless, these elements are such that younger viewers would benefit from parental guidance.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the Bill of Rights on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication does not interfere with the freedom of expression.