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Message Body:

With the proliferation of reality TV across the networks of Free TV members, and the regular controversies surrounding the production of those shows (Married At First Sight is commonly featured in such controversies), there needs to be a code of conduct for production of said programs integrated into the Code.

Things this code of practice should cover include (but are not necessarily limited to):

1. Casting practices (diversity, restrictions on scouting, vetting of applicants, etc) 2. Handling of complaints during filming (especially when said complaints are of a criminal nature) 3. Filming and post-production (health and safety, restrictions/prohibition on alcohol supply during filming, regulation of editing practices, restrictions on the amount of time between filming and airing, etc) 4. Post-show support (mental health, online safety, etc) 5. Contracts (restrictions on NDAs, prohibition of contract terms that interfere with personal lives (restrictions on dating, restrictions on alternative income streams (OnlyFans, brand collaborations, etc), restrictions on how long they're enforceable, etc) 6. Disclaimers at the start of programs and upon resumption from commercial breaks where appropriate (disclosure that programs have been edited and are not necessarily representative of reality, abusive relationship help advisories, mental health support advisories, etc)

Such a code should be legally enforceable with heavy penalties for breaches.

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New feedback has been submitted for Code Review.

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