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Date	22/05/12	OFLC Ref.	1200417	VR
Applicant	DLS			
Distribution	A2 Film Desri			
Title	The Cabin in the Woods			
Other known ref. (s)				
Director	Drew Goddard			
Actor	Joss Whedon			
Film	(70 mins)			
Country (s)	USA			
	English			
Disc Images?	No			
Classification	Parental Guidance Violence, Gore, Horror, Drug use, Offensive language			
Content Criteria	12A			
Total running time	100 mins			
	After credits			

00:00

Film starts

credits. Party.

Dawn  
Fury  
Jules  
Ms Lin  
Morderni  
Tuman

1:10 2 men in offe leather tailoring.  
"Sister bear"

The Cabin in the Woods

3:40 Woman in uniform on screen  
 "Prof. Alway"  
 "Fishing Ws Stiles"

Part. Joss Whedon  
 Dir. Drew Goddard

6:40 Mary drives up smoking a bong.

7:30 Nest is empty.  
 - Mary is putting joints, Marjorie on table.

9:40 Cabin room.

10:50 Ash on house Tillman Rd. is

12:50 Drove then turned  
 Bird flies into invisible force field

14:00 Looking around cabin.

15:00 See woman thru 2-way mirror.  
 - Starts unbuttoning shirt.

17:40 Switch rooms

18:40 Paint back - canvas all over cabin.

20:30 Merdeca on speaker phone

22:15 Betty

23:45 The Lodging - "creepy old fish"

25:10 Jules does not want to be with

27:10 Cellar door bows open.  
 Drama does not enter.

- 29-40 Gregor's in the coffee
- 31-40 1903 Anna Pavlova Sojourner Reading diary
- 32-40 feeds the cabin out back  
- cut to indoor rising from ground
- 33-40 The Bucklers  
zombie peeked future family
- 35-40 Julie doing a provocative dance, focus on butt cheeks
- 38-40 Reading the diary
- 39-40 Enjoying present milk
- 40-40 "Oh boy let's see the dates"  
- Kirby pie on ground
- 41-40 Leaves shirt, see breast
- 41-55 Hand stabs by ship timbre  
Candy stabs in shoulder
- 43-40 Saw drum across stomach, a spray of blood.
- 45-40 Marty goes for walk  
- "fucking fun"
- 47-40 Julie turned head from inside
- 49-40 Marty finds mini carra
- 50-40 Kicks P. Marty's back. Dragged thru Woods
- 52-40 In basement. "The Black room"
- 53-40 Spear for on guy's back  
- Stabs zombie repeatedly in chest.

54:40

Spiral schoolgirl  
"fuck you" girl reflected

Vampish

Witch

Fall of over the world.

56:10 the tunnel's open.

57:10 tunnel collapsing.

58:30

Kurt preparing to jump chain.  
- hits invisible barrier & bounces down words

59:100:50

Drunken back

- zombie starts going up neck up Syste. Vehicle  
suggests into tube,

1:02:30

The rising chain is optional

1:03:20

Zombie choking woman by chain.

1:05:10

Red place mess. "mysteries"

1:06:20

Marty pushes her. 2. Worked into water.

1:07:10

Inside grave

1:08:30

Override lift.

"fuckin' zombie ass."  
- See minotaur, aka Ghost. Little girl w/ giant  
mouth on face. Guy w/ saws in head.

1:12:20

Bob operator.

1:13:10

VO to the pair of survivors.

1:15:20

SWAT guy destroyed by monsters.

- Human sheets he isn't in head (chaos blur)  
splattered anywhere

1:18:30

Woman wills going by her.

2. Tear ground apart while he still alive.

1995 Norman kills guy.

1-26-00 Skier guy says "kill him". Die.  
Mark gives Dagon gun

1-21-00 Undeground

1-22-00 Women turns up. Youth at least 5

1-24-00 Mark thinks he has to die. Dagon points gun  
at him.

- Dagon seized by Wenatchi

1-26-00 At m. back of bay v. are

1-27-00 Dagon all cut up & dying. Gashed in bleed.  
Mark puts joint in mouth.  
giant evil gods.  
Cainie,

1-30-02 End (94.52)

## SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR DECISION

Under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act)

### HEADNOTE

**Title of publication:** The Cabin In The Woods

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1200417.000

**Medium:** Film

**Classification:** Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

**Descriptive note:** Violence, horror, drug use and offensive language

**Display conditions:** None

The film is from the United States and has a running time of 94 min 52 sec. It will screen as part of the 2012 NZ International Film Festival.

*The Cabin In The Woods* is a genre-bending horror film about five friends holidaying in a remote cabin who unwittingly find themselves caught up in an ancient ritual presided over by a high-tech government agency. The friends' attempts to escape are in vain, and they start to get killed off by a "zombie redneck torture family" known as the Buckners. The surviving friends investigate and discover a supernatural conspiracy with global implications.

The publication deals briefly with matters of sex. A young woman, Jules, performs an erotic dance in front of her friends. She is mildly sexualised by the camera's framing and focus on her buttocks and thighs. Soon afterwards, Jules and her boyfriend Kurt venture outside and prepare to have sex in the forest. They are watched via hidden cameras by a roomful of people. As Jules starts to remove her clothes one of them remarks, "ok baby let's see some boobies." Jules removes her top. Her breasts are briefly visible before she and Kurt are attacked by the Buckners.

The publication deals with matters of horror, cruelty and violence in terms of s3(1) of the FVPC Act. The friends accidentally summon forth the Buckners when one of them reads a Latin phrase from a diary that details the family's gruesome demise. The Buckners emerge from the earth as hideous, disfigured zombies. One of them carries an iron bear trap which he flings at victims' backs. Later in the film numerous other monstrous creatures are introduced, including a werewolf, a giant cobra, a little girl whose face is a gaping maw, and a man with metal circular saws protruding from his head. While humour tends to reduce the impact of the horror there are still some very effective moments of suspense followed by a person's grisly demise.

The publication also deals with matters of crime through the character of Marty, a "stoner", whose constant state of being high allows him to grasp from an early stage that the friends are being manipulated by an unknown party. Marty is shown rolling joints and smoking marijuana through a large collapsible bong which, on two occasions, becomes a useful weapon. His laid

back stoner demeanour is mined for comic effect and forms a large part of his character identity. The other characters do not smoke drugs, and the film does not promote, glamorise or encourage the use of drugs in a wider sense.

The publication does not promote or support, or tend to promote or support, any s3(2) matters.

Under s3(3)(a)(i) the film extensively depicts the infliction of serious physical harm and acts of significant cruelty. One of the Buckners stabs Jules through the hand with a knife and then holds her in place while another zombie kills her with a large tree saw. The camera cuts away the moment the saw comes near her exposed stomach, instead showing just a spray of blood through the air. Soon afterwards, Jules' severed head is tossed inside the cabin to terrify her friends. Kurt, the jock, is killed when he tries to jump across a chasm on motorbike. He slams into an invisible force field and plummets down a steep ravine. Another of the friends is killed when a zombie stabs him in the neck with a scythe. Dana, the survivor (or "final female" in the parlance of horror films) stabs a zombie repeatedly in the neck and chest. Later she is savaged by a werewolf and left with deep cuts across her body.

The film's third act culminates in a fury of bloodletting when Dana deliberately unleashes a horde of monstrous creatures upon the agency responsible for administering the ritual sacrifice of her friends. A squad of heavily armed soldiers are quickly reduced to body parts and blood by a bizarre amalgam of creatures, some genuinely frightful in appearance, others, such as the unicorn and a "merman", less so. Chaos reigns as the monsters rampage through the government facility. There are numerous shots of people being savaged and stabbed and eaten alive. The mayhem results in rooms being covered in blood.

Under s3A the publication contains highly offensive language. The word "fuck" is used fairly frequently, both to insult and for emphasis. If emulated the language would cause serious harms such as alienation or intimidation.

The publication's dominant effect is a comedy horror that references and pays homage to classic horror films such as *The Evil Dead* and the *Friday The 13<sup>th</sup>* series (among many others) while affectionately sending up conventions of the genre.

The unrestricted availability of this publication is likely to be injurious to the public good given the manner in which it deals with matters of horror, crime, cruelty, violence and offensive language. Young teenagers and children would be frightened, shocked and disturbed by the violence and depictions of zombies and other creatures. Older teenagers and adults have the maturity and experience to place the material in the context of a fictional horror contrived as entertainment. The drug use also points to an older intended audience. Likelihood of injury to the public good is reduced by restricting the publication to persons 16 years and over.

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Fee Waiver Request Type:

Reason for Application: These films will be screening as part of the 2012 NZ International Film Festival, as organised by the New Zealand Film Festival Trust. The New Zealand Film Festival Trust is a charitable trust that has been formed to develop, conditionally orientated.

\* Request Status: Conditionally Orientated Status Date: 15/05/2012

\* Fee Waiver Regulation: Reg 7

Fee Waiver \$: 75.00

Reason for Decision:

(a) these films are likely to be of cultural or artistic value;  
 (b) their availability are linked to exhibition at the place and on the dates set out in the application for a fee waiver;  
 (c) the New Zealand Film Festival Trust has been formed to "develop, support, encourage and enhance knowledge, awareness and understanding of cinema" and the exhibition of these films forms part of that purpose; and  
 (d) the New Zealand Film Festival Trust is a charitable trust.

Conditions:

The Deputy Chief Censor has exercised her power under Regulation 7 of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification (Fees) Regulations 1994 to waive 75 percent of the classification fee for these films on condition that they are shown by the applicant only at

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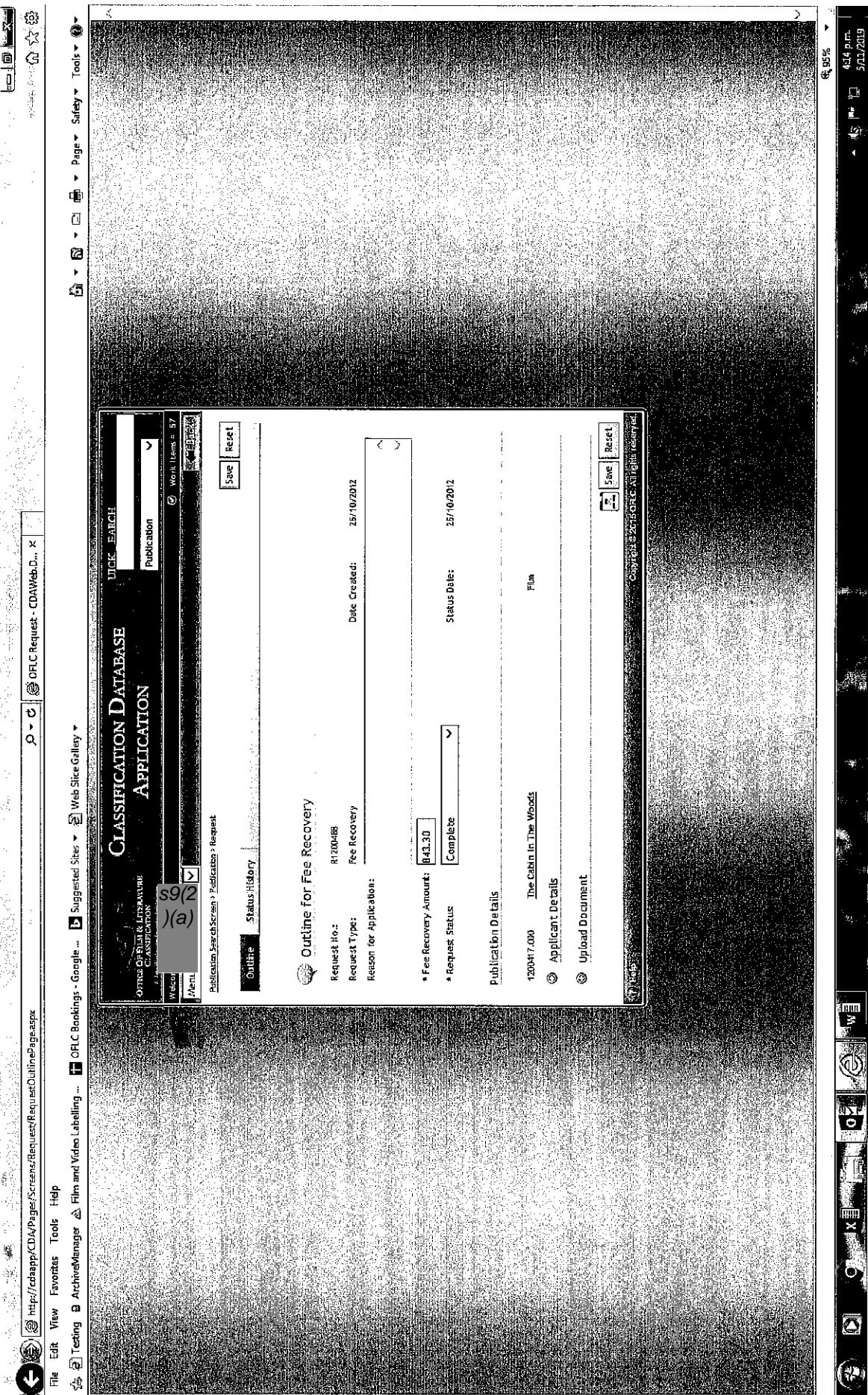
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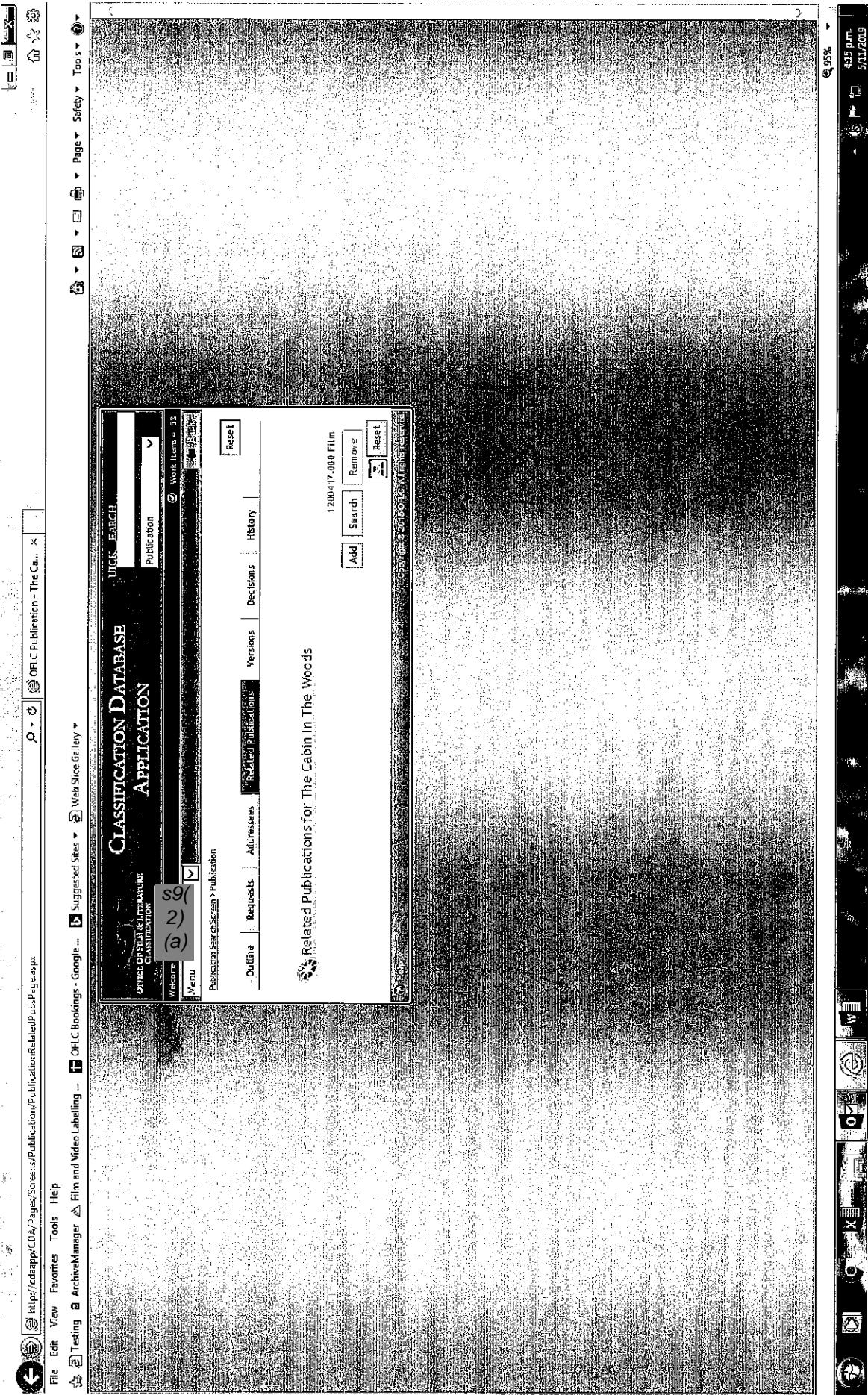
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\* Standard Classification: R16

Descriptive Note: Violence, horror, drug use and offensive language.

Summary of Reasons for Classification (Register page): Not applicable

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