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Overruling of film censor by local authority

Another example of the overruling of the film censor by a local authority (letter from Judge McHale, 26 May 1997) was the 1975 decision of the Greater London Council to allow exhibition to London adults of *More about the Language of Love*, a sex education film of general interest.

What happened next was that the Director of Public Prosecutions, disregarding the Council's certificate, brought a prosecution for obscenity at common law.

As I remember, it was emphatically not a film where the actors adopted the expedient mentioned by Judge McHale of keeping their backs to the camera.¹

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¹ *The Times*, 4 June 1997.