

To: Australian Communication and Media Authority 26 May 2023

The great Tina Turner is dead. I, like many people watched "Tina" on channel 9HD on the 25 May 2023 Unfortunately because I am slightly hard of hearing. I use captions.

The following is a partial list of some of the captions between 20:54 pm and 21:24 pm (30 minutes):

Music fading
Loud play
Oooh
Cheering and applause
Camera clicks
Gentle music play
Indistinct chat
Haunting dramatic music
Uplifting music play
Chatter
Indistinct chat
Exhale
Cheering and applause
Speaking Italian
Cheering and applause
Audience chanting Tina, Tina, Tina, Tina, Tina, Tina, Tina
Cheering and applause
Cheering and applause
Applause fades
Tina tape
Chuckles
Momentum music build
Momentum music build
Cheering and applause
Firework pops
Murmuring
Clearing throat
Applause
Laugh
Laugh
Sombre music play
Sombre music continue
Melancholic music play.

Unfortunately, Captions and Audio Description of this quality has been added to most serious programs and completely destroys "Movies classics" even "Shaun the Sheep" does not escape the slaughter of captions. If you are not aware of the program (there is not a word pronounced)

This is only a sample that you read, if you need to use captions.

Foot steps
The mobile buzzing
The dog barking far away
Door open, door close
Frogs croaking
Birds' chirpings
High heel clicks.
Speak their own language

It is my understanding Audio Describe is intended for visual impaired people, so what the benefit in adding captions that they unfortunately cannot see.

We were celebrating the life and career of a music icon. Unfortunately someone had to add three or four notes of so called music. Volume up and down. Volume down volume up and fading. Throughout the show whether Trina and others were talking was irrelevant. And it went on and on.

The same kind of background “notes” have been added to movies “to enhance the quality of music provided in the movie, and covered the voice on serious TV programs like: 4 Corners, Current Affairs, Frozen Planet, 60 minutes, most Documentaries including the war in Ukraine. I sincerely do not think that any of these gigantic and costly productions deserve additional dramatization, Just imagine covering David Attenborough or Tina Turner’s voice by something more adequate. Please put the effort to control the quality of the broadcasting. You can save lots of money and make watching TV enjoyable.

The captioning is not readable sometime when the screen is bright
Kind regards
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