

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 visually 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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