Astron-6's cult hit FATHER'S DAY has effectively been banned in Australia, according to a report from the Brisbane Times. The Australian Classification Board laid down the verdict on October 31st and gave the film the dreaded RC rating, essentially meaning the film has been refused classification and as a result, cannot be screened in theaters, or otherwise distributed, in the country.

In their assessment of the film, the Board determined that the film belonged in a category of pictures that "depict, express or otherwise deal with matters of sex, drug misuse or addiction, crime, cruelty, violence or revolting or abhorrent phenomena in such a way that they offend against the standards of morality, decency and propriety generally accepted by reasonable adults to the extent that they should not be classified." For those that aren't up on things, FATHER'S DAY is possibly the most fun you will have at a movie that features a cannibal Dad-rapist. I'm guessing that's the kind of thing the board frowns upon.

This is bad news for cult film fans in the land down under and particularly bad news for the Monster Fest film festival, put on by cult distributor Monster Pictures, which was slated to screen FATHER'S DAY as part of their ten-day program.

FATHER'S DAY now joins the illustrious ranks of films banned in Australia, which sadly houses a baord all too happy to censor films, video games and publications based on the moral standards of an ever-shrinking community of religious conservatives. Other titles which hold this honor include PINK FLAMINGOS, THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE (1974), CANNIBAL HOLOCAUST, A SERBIAN FILM, THE HUMAN CENTIPEDE II and CALIGULA. Of course, the censorship of these films led to *nobody* in Australia ever being exposed to their filth and degradation, and the minds of the nation's people remain untarnished.