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To explore the relationship between the taboo and the archive, this article journeys through the lack of sexology resources in Australia, the memorialising of the taboo, and the nature of the uncanny and monstrous spectacle in the archives. These terms are familiar to film theorists and stem from psychoanalysis, but are alien to most archivists in Australia. The aim of this article is to broaden the archival understanding of the taboo in archives and investigate why it is recorded, unrecorded and often unexplored in contemporary Australian archival thinking.

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