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Bob Morley, the Aussie star of US sci-fi drama *The 100* has learnt a lot from his ill-advised rant about *Home and Away*.

The 29-year-old made waves six years ago saying he felt like a "meat puppet" on the soap that gave him his first big break as bad boy Drew Curtis.

Despite fame and a Logie nomination, Morley described the show as a "machine that can chew you up and spit you out".

The former Kyneton kid now recants: "I'm still young

and dumb, but I was even younger and dumber then. It is one thing I regret doing. It was just my ignorance and my lack of experience. They (*Home and Away*) were nothing but great and kind to me and looked after me and for me to turn around and be like that is completely and utterly rude."

Morley (*Neighbours*, *The Strip*) stars as Bellamy, one of the leaders of 100 teens sent down from an orbiting space station called The Ark to explore conditions on a post-apocalyptic Earth. Another *Neighbours* alumni, Eliza Taylor

plays the headstrong female hero of the show, Clarke. While he says it was good to have another Aussie there, running lines in their native accents was a mistake, throwing them both off when it came time to film with American accents.

"It just really ruined it for the rest of the episode," he laughs. "We are never doing that again because we both just lost our flow." *The 100* has received mostly favourable reviews but has its detractors too, like *The Hollywood Reporter*, which suggested it was cable network The CW's "ultimate vision for

humanity: an Earth populated only by attractive teenagers".

"It's not a teen drama, it's more about morality and retribution and making tough decisions," he says. "It kind of hurts when you see those kinds of comments because ... they're obviously not watching the show." The show does go to some very dark places, examining the morality of torture, mob justice and war.

"I'm more than happy for us to go on the even darker side of things," Morley says.

**THE 100, FOX8, THURSDAY, 7.30PM**

