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Q1:

Whether it involves a new framework or a reworking of existing elements is not really the issue, the fact that one form of entertainment is out of line with the classification system and guidelines associated with other forms of entertainment is perplexing and unwarranted.

Q2:

A uniform and fair system across all major forms of media and entertainment

Q3:

No, simply put there is no way to prevent people from sourcing content from both online sources or retailers in countries where the laws are not so stringent so any attempt to restrict guidelines to any one channel would be effectively meaningless

Q4:

Yes, there is no way any group could be expected to be abreast of all releases across all channels and effectively review and classify them, a reporting system for inappropriate or offensive content could streamline the process dramatically.

Q5:

Yes, a uniform and standard set of rules and guidelines should be adopted across all forms of media or content.

Q6:

Mass market reach is something all forms of content can have, word of mouth on the internet is a very powerful force and the size or market position of the content provider can have little to no impact comparatively.

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Yes

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Yes

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No, the potential audience for any form of content is now effectively global, see the spread of "viral" videos as evidence of this

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Yes

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Parental supervision, most children in Australia are tech savvy - or have access to someone who is, by passing of any proposed filter or software is a trivial matter to any person with knowledge of the system, there are numerous guides and articles on how to bypass filters and firewalls.

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Parental or adult supervision, even in supposed safe environs on the internet the potential for children to be exposed to inappropriate content is simply a click away, it's not difficult for malicious individuals to expose minors to any manner of content, particularly with the prevalence of social networking sites and software.

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When it is inappropriate for minors or contains themes that they might find distressful

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I think this is potentially the only effective option, the release of media and content will not slow in pace and any regulatory body would be very hard pressed to review just mainstream releases, add in online distribution of content and the task becomes simply impossible.

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It would be remiss to think that the content would not be readily available regardless of whether it was classified or not, to not classify it in any way would mean parents are unable to make informed decisions on whether or not that content is appropriate.

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Q21:

R18+ for video games is essential IMO, I am an adult and I enjoy games - I feel my right to enjoy games that contain mature content is at present unfairly restricted in light of other forms of content.

Q22:

A standard set of classifications across all forms of content can only amplify an individual's ability to make informed decisions on what is or isn't appropriate.

Q23:

Yes, I see no valid reason for it not to be. Many will argue the interactive nature of games should stand them apart, I would say that the same argument has been used throughout history against

music, literature, television and movies. Games are as valid a form of entertainment as any other and any attempt to restrict access to content will simply encourage people to either illegally source the content through any number of online methods - or to import said content ( I have purchased many items this way, refused classification is simply not an impediment when so many online retailers don't or won't restrict sale to Australians based on our local classification system.

Q24:

Illegal content is difficult to police, but I think an effective reporting and checking system would need to be implemented - even if it was an opt-in system.

Q25:

I think the RC category is applied far too liberally in some instances and seemingly ignored in others, as such I do not understand it at all

Q26:

No

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Q28:

Yes

Q29:

A self regulating system with clear cut guidelines and hefty penalties for underclassifying content, with the option to receive guidance or advice to ensure compliance would be ideal and very cost effective

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