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Q1:

A new framework which incorporates the need to classify games in a similar manner to movies, TV, Music and other media

Q2:

To ensure that games containing adult content be available to adult purchasers and that parents have better information as to the suitability of titles they purchase for their children.

Q3:

No - all formats should be treated equally under a standardised code.

Q4:

No, as a single complaint does not always reflect mainstream opinion. Content should be classified in comparison to content across all titles rather than on a piecemeal basis in response to a complaint.

Q5:

Yes - for example a scene involving full nudity and explicit sexual activity is clearly of a higher impact than a scene of a couple lying under bedsheets with only their naked shoulders uncovered. If material is specifically designed for children then it should be treated equally across all media.

Q6:

No - the decision should be based on the content of the media, not on any external factors.

Q7:

No - galleries/museums should take responsibility for this possibility and respond accordingly with warnings, restricted access areas etc

Q8:

Yes

Q9:

No

Q10:

No

Q11:

If it is a media product that is available for general purchase by the public it should be classified.

Q12:

This is a parental responsibility - no amount of filtering software is going to replace this.

Q13:

See Q12 above - parents need to control this access.

Q14:

I don't think there is much more need for controls beyond what currently exists (eg bagging explicit material in shops, parental guidance etc)

Q15:

When it is offered for sale or loan

Q16:

Government and industry bodies should liaise with regards to the classification of content, with government having the final say as to what the classification should be. Users (in particular parents) need to take responsibility for ensuring their children are only exposed to age-appropriate material.

Q17:

The US system of self-regulation could work here, although I'm not unhappy with the government controlling the regulatory process provided they don't pander to minority interest groups.

Q18:

Explicit or highly deviant sexual acts, Reality Snuff or torture-porn material, High Impact violence such as rape, mutilation or torture.

Q19:

I'm happy to see small independently produced material having its classification subsidised.

Q20:

MA15+ for computer games doesn't work, as often material that is rated as only suitable for adults in overseas markets is shoehorned into this rating without modification in Australia. We need an 18+ adult rating across all media to ensure that parents can make informed choices for their kids and that adults have the freedom to purchase material containing adult content if they wish.

Q21:

18+ for computer games.

Q22:

Use of the same symbols and language, as well as the appropriate government logo, should be fine.

Q23:

I don't have enough information on this to comment.

Q24:

I think the authorities have a difficult enough time chasing down online child porn without trying to add

more to the mix.

Q25:

I'm fine with that.

Q26:

Yes - there should be one universal code across all states and individual state governments/attorney generals should not have the power to disrupt reform to the classification process.

Q27:

As above in Q26, centralised and standardised under the federal government.

Q28:

Yes

Q29:

I'm happy if all of the above ideas can be bought into effect.

Other comments:

I'm a 40 year old father who wants to be able to play computer games containing adult content and themes in the form their creators intended without modification. At present I can't always do this because we don't have an 18+ rating for computer games here in Australia. I want the right as a responsible adult to make the choice as to what content I access for myself.

I also want as much information as possible to help me make judgements as to what material is or is not suitable for my kids. Obviously if something is clearly labelled as restricted and not for sale to people under the age of 18 it will be a big help in making my decision.

In my opinion it is a parent's responsibility to ensure they know and monitor what content their kids are accessing online, not the government's, so I am against any form of internet filtering. Offering "optional" filtering software is not a great solution as it takes the responsibility away from parents and filtering at the source is even worse as it might prevent legitimate adult internet users from accessing adult material online.