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Q1:

The only elements that need improving on the existing framework is an R18+ classification, there doesn't need to be a new framework laid out, it's a waste of time and money.

Q2:

Freedom of choice for adults over 18+ to choose what they want to view instead of having that choice made by an out of date system.

Q3:

No, because like all technology these days it has the ability to repeat anything that's already been seen. This is the entire argument over games that they are "repetitious" when a DVD can be rewound and re-watched again, what's the difference. You're physically doing it yourself so I see no difference.

Q4:

No, content should be classified based off the material that is involved with the media. Not on some complaint.

Q5:

Yes potential impact should affect the classification... that's what classification is for, if there is violence, sex, drugs etc then it should be given a stronger rating like MA15+ or R18+ so that it isn't available to children. Content should be designed for children across all media since it's DEVELOPED FOR CHILDREN, this means you don't develop something with violence, sex and drugs and label it PG.

Q6:

No, content should be classified based on it's content not on anything else. If it requires an MA15+ rating, give it a MA15+ rating, it doesn't matter what market it's going to.

Q7:

Yes, within limits since art does not have the same immersing experience that video / games have.

Q8:

Music is already classified and no it shouldn't be regulated the same because it isn't the same as other content.

Q9:

No

Q10:

No, content should be based off the persons age not from the setting.

Q11:

Nothing, the only factor which should influence the rating of media is the content that is embedded in that media.

Q12:

Parental supervision, parents taking some responsibility to what their children are looking at. This means the location of the computer, the parents having the ability to check what children have been looking at or even simply investing \$50 in a Net Nanny. What ever happened to the responsibility of the parents to monitor their children?

Q13:

Limiting their access, most children don't pay for the internet their parents do, therefor it's the parents responsibility and choice to give the kids the internet and it's also their choice to monitori t.

Q14:

By not selling it to underage people. I understand questions like these but they're pointless, check for I.D. if the person is of age then they are legally entitled to buy it.

Q15:

At all times, not so much as a warning just as a guide. i.e. this product is MA15+ ... which means it's recommended to those 15 years or older, simple.

Q16:

Governments to not introduce stupid policies like filters and try to make the choice for the 99.9% of responsible adults out there. Industry bodies for properly labeling the content they release so people understand the target age and users for taking responsibility in what they buy, since it's them buying it. If you don't like it, don't buy it. If you don't agree with it, don't buy it.

Q17:

No it's quite simple, the industry would always rate the content lower to give to to a greater audience to increase profit margins. The government has no idea over classification as they've already proven. It would be more effective to have a panel of ranging ages who aren't religious in order for a proper set of rulings to be laid out. If new content released has x, y and z then by that content it should be rated MA15+ etc.

Q18:

Nothing since I answered this in a previous question. If anything they should be able to say "This media has content which has x, y and z. Therefore we believe it should be rated "x". It's then up the classification rules to compare if this is an acceptable classification.

Q19:

No, media is media it doesn't matter where it comes from, if it has content that should be restricted to a certain age then it should be restricted to that age. It's pretty simple.

Q20:

Yes, except the fact that there's no R18+ like almost every other developed country in the world. G means for kids, PG means for slightly older kids, M means mature and should be at the parents discretion. These aren't confusing terms.

Q21:

No there is no need for new classification categories, there is only need for an R18+ classification so that media which SHOULD be R18+ doesn't get slid into MA15+ or just banned outright.

Q22:

Simple, make it so if it's G it's age group x-y, if it's PG it's x-y, M it's x-y etc. Not rocket science and that way it doesn't matter what the media type the classification system remains consistent, which lessens confusion.

Q23:

Yes, all media that is released which has a visual and audio aspect should be rated equally, there's no black and white line when it comes to that. I cannot see why we have an R18+ rating for TV / Movies and we don't for games.

Q24:

Nothing, the entire point of online content is it's up to the person on what they view. The obvious content that this question involves is child pornography. You want to know the best way to not access that content? Teach your children that it's bad and why it's bad and they won't access that content. The power lies in the parents teaching and monitoring their children, nothing else. Also for the sick people that do look at content like that, you'll never stop them since the ones looking are the ones who know how to bypass any system that is put in place to stop that.

Q25:

No, the current RC category currently bans media which shouldn't be banned since it's an archaic classification. Online content can never be properly filtered and shouldn't be attempted, since it's too large of a space. It's like having 1 policeman for the entire of Brisbane, there's no point to it.

Q26:

They should be the same.

Q27:

There should be no cooperation between states. It should be a simple system which all states abide by. This saves confusion on why certain states have certain content.

Q28:

The states should group up, say all that needs to be done is an R18+ classification, any content that has x, y and z in it should be classified by this rating and be done with it.

Q29:

Independent group of adults of varying ages and sexes with no religious ideals to sit down and establish what content deserves what classification.

Other comments:

This probably came across but just to be clear. It's the responsibility of the parent to teach the child what is right and wrong, what they can do and what they should do and just because they CAN do it doesn't mean they SHOULD do it. When did it stop been the parents problem that the kid looked at something bad and start been someone else problem? Did the parent not buy the TV or computer for the child? Does the parent not pay for the internet? Does the parent not know how to monitor what the child is doing? Why do they not know how, it's quite simple to learn.

Why is it that responsible adults can't choose to play media which is restricted to adults and since when is it the governments right to tell adults what they can and can't view? Last I checked Australian adults are exactly the same as English, American, Canadian, European yet their government has the R18+ classification laws.

Why does the government insist on building a multi-billion dollar NBN and then want to slow it down with mandatory filtering which can be bypassed by any 12 year old with working knowledge of a computer and actually HAS been bypassed by a 12 year old before. Why does the government think it's a good idea being like China or North Korea who are some of the only countries in the world to have a mandatory internet filter.

Final thought is why do we have R18+ classification laws for TV / DVD / movies and yet we don't for games. The whole "games are interactive and you physically do it" argument is completely see through. Last time I checked I can easily rewind, pause, slow, speed up any dvd / recording, how is that in anyway different from a game, you're making the mental choice to perform these actions.