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Q1:

Yes. Times have changed and we need to update the classification to keep up with new forms of media and new things that children are being exposed to.

Q2:

To bring the classification inline with new technologies

Q3:

No. It will get too complicated. You want to keep it simple.

Q4:

No! For everyone who complains, there is 1000s of people who didn't. We need to stop listening to the minority.

Q5:

Should the potential impact of content affect whether it should be classified?

No. Make a standard and keep to it.

Should content designed for children be classified across all media?

Yes, it seems like parents these days are getting lazy and rely too heavily on classification.

Q6:

No, it should be classified in line with a simple list of rules. Once you start making exceptions, people will think the system is corrupt, and producers will treat it like a joke.

Q7:

Yes. Children do not see art the same way as adults. They will not appreciate the message the art is trying to convey, and will merely see it for what it is.

Q8:

Yes to music. Audio books should hold the same classification as their written counterparts(even if there is no classification for the written book)

Q9:

The classification cannot be changed or removed because only a few people will be exposed, and in the same way it should not be modified if it will be exposed to the vast populace.

Q10:

Q11:

Q12:

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My idea is to make a basic firewall client. The install CD can be handed out to citizens. The citizens who have children can install the firewall on their computer and their children will be protected. If done right, the firewall will be fairly light weight so it doesn't slow the computers down, otherwise people will not use it. I suggest having the firewall just block IP addresses from the government list of known internet sources of classified material. There can be an automatic daily update of these restricted IP addresses from government servers. Access to a higher level of access can be provided to the parents if they put in an overwrite password to deactivate the firewall(for a preset period of time so they dont forget to reactivate). Software such as this already exists, and its free, but it dose not filter classified material(<http://www.peerblock.com/>). An IP list of classified servers could be easily imported into it.

Google safe search can also be activated automatically during install, which will bring it inline with our schools.

I believe investing in my proposed idea would be much more cost effective then trying to filter all network traffic coming into Australia. Take it from my experience, there is no real way to block all traffic anyways so dont waste tax payers money trying. And it definately will not stop access to child pornography. If lots of people learn about and start using proxies and VPNs to get through the government firewall(and they will, some already are) then it will be all for nothing. If you block all proxies and VPNs then the banking industry would cease to function in Australia. So the only option is to leave the option to the individual, whether to have a filter or not.

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As I mentioned in Q12, if a Firewall client was given out to citizens with children then it could block IP addresses from inappropriate sites and servers. Please read my response to Q12 for more information.

Q14:

Its cant. I imagine the government is doing everything it can at the moment.

The only thing to do next is create an international team who goes after the manufacturers of such offline content. Im sure other countries would be happy to band together to create a multi-nation agency.

Q15:

There is no way to impose Australia's laws of classification onto websites hosted and created overseas. This is why a Firewall client which I described in Q12 would be excellent. It would simply not display the content if its deemed to be inappropriate for that particular computer user.

Q16:

The users have proven not have the capacity or desire to learn how to protect their children so the government needs to step in.

Q17:

I doubt it. It will be get twisted around and corrupt in order to make more sales, rather then keeping children safe.

Q18:

This question does not make any sense.

Q19:

I think that this is a good idea. But on that note, just high much will it cost to acquire a classification? It should not be more then a few hundred dollars, and I dont see how you could justify it being more.

Q20:

Q21:

I think that they may need to change with the times. We have commercials where a teen age girl says the word "crap". There are non stop ads with a sexual nature. As a society we have moved alot in the last decade.

Q22:

Q23:

I am not aware of what is written in this act. I doubt any member of the public has actually read the whole thing.

Q24:

None. You must understand that the internet is a free entity on this planet. It is not governed or controlled by any one government, and at this point it is too late to police it. It has saturated the world and too many people rely on it. It is a global collaboration from lots of people of all types with many different agendas. It can provide information, entertainment and education at an instant. You cannot start policing it without destroying what it is. If you create 'borders' in the world wide web there will be alot of unhappy people. Australia will become known for its lack of liberty.

Q25:

No. But it also doesn't reflect what should be prohibited offline. The RC category is outdated and needs to be changed. We have commercials were a teen age girl says the word "crap". There are non stop ads with a sexual nature. As a society we have moved alot in the last decade.

Q26:

No. Australia is the size of Europe. We cannot enforce the same laws across the entire land when it comes to other matters, so why should classification be any different?

Q27:

Q28:

Q29:

Other comments: