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Hi,

I would like to submit my views on some of the questions regarding films, computer games and magazine classifications.

Q2. I think the primary objectives of a classification scheme should be to give parents and consumers accurate information about the contents of the material, to protect children and young people from harmful or unsuitable material as determined by their parents, to prevent distribution of material that is harmful to all people and violates community standards and to help uphold these community standards.

Q3. Regardless of the technology or platform used to access content, all material available in Australia should be classified, as it can be accessed by Australians and can therefore affect Australian people.

Q4. If material has been the subject of a complaint then it should definitely be reviewed and probably classified.

Q7. All artworks depicting children in an exploitative, sexualized, naked or semi-naked or offensive manner should be refused classification and all artworks should be required to be classified before exhibition for the purpose of restricting access or providing consumer advice.

Q8. Music and other sound recordings (such as audio books) should be classified or regulated in the same way as other content. Current self-regulation is inadequate. Music video classification is also currently very poor and needs to be classified better.

Q10. Regardless of whether content is accessed in public or at home, content should still be classified?

Q12. The most effective methods of controlling access to online content, access to which would be restricted under the National Classification Scheme, is by mandatory filtering of all online content at the ISP level. Exclude all material that would be classified RC, X18+ or R18+

Q13. How can children's access to potentially inappropriate content be better controlled online? As above and better age verification requirements.

Q14. All publications classified as *Restricted* (R) should only be allowed to be sold in an enclosed area which children are not permitted to enter.

Q21. The existing classification categories should remain except for the X18+ category for films which should be abolished. Films containing explicit depictions of sexual acts should be Refused Classification. These films are very demeaning to women and exploit women and children. They have been implicated in the sexual abuse and premature sexualisation of children. There should be No R18+ classification introduced for computer games, because the violence in these games is associated with an increase in violent behaviour and attitude in people who play these games.

Q24. All material that would be classified RC, X18+ or R18+ should be entirely prohibited online. R18+ could be opt-in access subject to very strict age verifications.

Best Regards,

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