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Dear Sir/Madam,

Review of National Classification Scheme

The Australian Family Association believes that the National Classification Scheme as it stands does not do enough to protect children from being exposed to inappropriate material.

Nowadays parents cannot even make a trip to the supermarket without having their children exposed to sexually explicit images. It's not just the billboards on the way, but the magazine covers at the checkout.

Parents can be as vigilant as they like, and yet still their children will still be exposed to material they shouldn't be. This is not good enough, and given the damage this does to young people's development, this problem needs to be addressed.

The AFA is also ardently opposed to the introduction of an R18+ computer game rating. Such a rating will serve only to further expose children to more violence and sexual images.

The best argument those in favour of an R18+ rating can come up with is that games that should be R18+ are incorrectly being labelled as MA15+. This is an absurd argument. If games are being incorrectly classified now, there is no reason that they will be correctly classified just because a new rating is introduced.

Yours sincerely,

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