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Q1:

I believe a new framework is required to help distinguish material that would be suitable for adults only and for children under the age of 18 years.

Q2:

Making sure that material is given a clear rating to advise people of how extreme the content of what they are buying is and to give parents an understanding of what the content involves so that they can make a choice as to whether or not they want their children exposed to such material.

Q3:

No, Content should always be classified as a whole however if there are measures in place to restrict the level of extreme content then it should be mentioned clearly but not rated down because of it.

Q4:

All content should be classified, if would not be equal if this were not the case. An example would be of extreme material getting through in one game and not being allowed in another game because it had been complained about. It would not create an equal rating system.

Q5:

All content should be classified it would not be an equal system if certain things didn't need to be classified. Classifications across all media should be given the same criteria for being classified.

Q6:

No, it should be classified the same regardless of how small or large the market potential is.

Q7:

Yes, it would not be proper to display images of a extreme graphic nature where it would be publicly viewable by persons under the advised age.

Q8:

Yes, but only dependent on the verbal content of such things.

Q9:

No, it should be rated the same regardless of the market size.

Q10:

No, if adult content is being accessed in a public place then the person/organization displaying it should put measures in place to restrict the viewing of persons under the recommended age.

Q11:

All content should be classified, however adult content should not be restricted from sale to adults.

Q12:

Good parenting.

Q13:

Good parenting. It is the parents job to be aware of what material their children have access to and to put measures in place to restrict access to it. This does not always need to be a physical block and can be done by having some discipline instilled in their children.

However, there is already the ability in place to be able to track website history on computers and if a website has material that is inappropriate to children then it should be displayed as the first thing on the page.

Q14:

Good measures are already in place. Checking I.D. before the sale of such material is essential if there is any doubt as to the age of the individual. As far as having such material around the house, it is again the parents responsibility to put measures in place to deny access of this content to children.

Q15:

Always

Q16:

It is the industries job to make sure that businesses that are selling content that is restricted by a classification are following the rules on the sale of such items and that there are harsh consequences for breaking these rules.

Q17:

Yes, putting people who are involved and have a clear understanding of what they are dealing with the power to classify material is a good idea. Having people who aren't regularly involved in the media that they are classifying should not be classifying the material as they may not understand certain aspects.

Q18:

Games, Movies, Music.

Q19:

Yes, this would help to promote growth in the industry.

Q20:

I don't believe they are fully understood, especially in the gaming industry. Not having an adult only rating has caused many games that are rated as adult only overseas to be rated as suitable for children 15 years and up. This obviously can cause confusion amongst parents who are trying to decide if content is suitable for their children. It is essential that we have an R18+ rating for games and rework our ma15+ rating to come more into line with other countries around the world.

Q21:

Yes, for the same reasons mentioned above in Q20 I believe it is essential to have an R18+ rating and to rework the criteria for an MA15+ rating.

Q22:

Have the same criteria for all content.

Q23:

Yes

Q24:

Child pornography, rape, cruelty to animals.

Q25:

Relatively well.

Q26:

Having the same laws across all states is essential. To have different rules in different states would lead to even more confusion as there is now with the rating system. It should not need to be promoted, it should just be enforced.

Q27:

Q28:

I don't believe this is necessary, however I believe that for a change to occur it should simply require a majority of the state AGs to agree, and their decision should be based upon the opinion of the public, through methods like this where everyone is entitled to have a say or make a submission.

Q29:

Introducing an R18+ rating for video games to bring it inline not only with other countries around the world but also with other media throughout australia.

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