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Any Media classification should mainly focus on protecting the intellectual, emotional and psychological development of children. However, it should also offer protection for immature adults who don't know how to control or manage the often debilitating and/or violent influences of various types of entertainment - visual, audio or physical.

It is an unfortunate reflection on our government and society that, over the past 20 years, any positive, constructive or realistic application of too many aspects of Australia's National Media Classification Scheme has left so much to be desired. Hence a major overhaul of the current regulation and enforcement system is necessary, particularly including fines and other sanctions for breaches in complying with classification regulations.

Incorporated in any classification guidelines must be an inherent recognition that parents are and should always be the initial and basic educators and guides of their children's psychological and emotional growth. True parents understand how their children can be influenced for good or bad by the power and motivation of various kinds of entertainment and indeed have an intrinsic right to exercise control over it during their formative years.

The dismal record of unfettered licence displayed by the administrators of Australia's National Media Classification Scheme in the past 20 years progressively shows parents have been denied this right. Therefore a substantial overhaul is overdue in all categories.

Guidelines in new areas need to be incorporated and reinforced, notably regarding the content and unhealthy impact of 'heavy metal' music. The harm done to our young by the deeply entrenched availability of internet pornography demands filtering of R18+ material and above at the ISP level. It is essential that age-verified opt-in capabilities for R18+ material be enforced. Accordingly, mobile telephone networks should also be subject to filtering.

As implied above, the expanding harm to both male and female adults from easy-access pornography is enough evidence that the X18+ film classification category as well as the restricted Categories 1 and 2 for magazines should be abolished, while the production, sale and distribution of such films and magazines should be prohibited.

While there are still other aspects to be dealt with, I conclude with at least one further vital and indispensable requirement: Persons under 18 years must not have access to media that is classified as R18+ or above and is available for sale. This material should be restricted to secure areas.