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Q1:

I think the ALRC should work on developing a new framework for classification that includes video games as an art form similar to feature films or television shows.

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Music with questionable content (swear words, drug references) already has a Parental Warning label, so parents can tell if an album their children buy isn't suitable.

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Content accessed in public places (for example, mobile broadband or a library connection) should be restricted so people walking by aren't forced to see things they don't want to. Content accessed at home should be unrestricted, as the homeowner is paying for access to the Internet, and the whole Internet.

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Individual agreement to the installation of a government-approved filtering software, for parents who are concerned. If an ISP wants to implement server-side filtering, that can also be their decision as they probably don't want their customers accessing information

Q13:

Parental intervention; parents should take individual measures to block their own children from illegal information, or information they (not the Government) deem unsuitable.

Q14:

If parents want to block their children from accessing this information, they should be able to do so under their own authority. Adults shouldn't be restricted by the Government from material that isn't illegal.

Q15:

All content creators should assess their work and assign a classification to it. For example, if "unsuitable" content is shown on a website, the content creator would need to show an MA or R rating on that if it meets that level of "unsuitability".

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Child pornography, bomb-making instructions, things that are morally and legally reprehensible should be completely prohibited.

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Other comments:

I answered this questionnaire from my point of view, and that is the point of view of a 17-year-old gamer and Internet user in Armadale, Western Australia.

After reading the other submissions, I agree with most of what Mr A Harrison said (submission 355).

The MA rating is misleading and needs to go. Most new games need to go into the R18 category including Gears of War, Grand Theft Auto, F.E.A.R., Mortal Kombat.... these games don't need to be banned (as Mortal Kombat has been), but restricted to people with an ID proving they're over a certain age, like cigarettes or alcohol.