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Q.1:

Due to the great change in technology is it preferable to develop a new Framework but it can be based on the existing one & extended.

Q.2

The primary objectives of a National Classification Scheme should be:

- the maintaining of community standards
- to provide people – especially parents, with correct information about the classified material
- providing protection for all children from any unsuitable material
- Ensure material that does not uphold standards or is harmful is not able to be accessed
- Open to people to access

Q.3

No, everything in the public domain should be classified to protect gullible minds & young people – especially children.

Q.4

No, by then the harm is done, they need to be classified BEFORE they are put where they can be accessed by the public – to do otherwise is to make it possible for children to gain access to unsuitable material which is precisely the reason we have Classifications in the first place.

Q5

The potential impact of content must be considered when classifying material – this is one of the reasons why we need classification in Australia.

Yes, the content designed for children should be clearly classified.

Q6

No, because they have a personal interest – usually financial – in it not being classified so their input would not be unbiased nor reflect protecting children and youth.

Q.7

Yes, any artwork that shows children in offensive ways or ways that exploit them should be refused classification & this would include any art of children being shown sexually.

Q.8

Yes, any music that demeans women in their lyrics by treating them as mere objects for sexual gratification needs to be classified. The present system is not covering this so it needs to be changed.

Q.9

No, it is the influence on the consumer NOT the number of consumers that is the important point.

Q.10

No, it all needs to be classified – parents need help here so it is important that this is recognized.

Q. 11

Parents are relying on guidance for their children – at present they are not getting the help they need in protecting their children for the worst that is out there.

Classification is one way they can be helped.

Q. 12

I believe that compulsory filtering of internet content at the ISP is the best way to exclude material classified as Restricted, & above classifications.

Q.13

See the answer above (Q 12)

Q. 14

Restricted classifications should be only permitted to be sold in areas where children are not allowed to gain access.

Q.15

When presented for sale or made available to see.

Q. 16

To obey the law as we all must do.

Q.17

Self- classification does not work as the people involved have a vested interest in selling the material – they do not care about its effects on the viewer or user.

Q.18

None – for the valid reason given above.

Q.20

Generally they are understood.

Q.21

Because of the research showing that violence in computer games has a high correlation between them & increased violence in behavior & desensitized behavior & attitudes, there should not be a R18+ for computer games – this would be putting people & children in danger in society so there is no

reason to permit them in this country

There is no need to have the X18+ category for films – it should be abolished – the rest should remain.

Any films showing explicit sexual acts & sexual acts with violence (known to increase violence against women) should be refused Classification. These films not only demean women but they also exploit them. They have also been associated with sexual abuse & the sexualization of children who deserve our protection.

Q.24

Any material that is classified RC, X18+ or R18+ should be totally prohibited to the general user.

Our citizens deserve protection from this material and especially our children.