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The Chairperson
Australian Law Reform Commission
GPO Box 3708, Sydney, NSW, 2001

RE: NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SCHEME"
(Films, Computer Games and Magazines)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The issues paper ask 29 questions pertaining to the above mentioned **PUBLIC CONSULTATION SCHEME**; for the Major Review Of Classification, on Films, Computer Games and Magazines?

I humbly submit my recommendations/answers to the following questions?

QUESTION 2: What should be the primary objectives of a national classification scheme?

- @ Ensure that classification reflects community standards.
- @ Prevent the distribution of material that violates community standards or is harmful.
- @ Give consumers and parents accurate information about the nature of classified material.
- @ Protect children from unsuitable material

QUESTION 7: Should some artworks be required to be classified before exhibition for the purpose of restricting access or providing consumer advice?

@ Artwork depicting children in a manner that is exploitative or offensive, including any sexualized depictions of children, should be Refused Classification regardless of any alleged artistic merit.

QUESTION 8: Should music and other sound recordings (such as audio books) be classified or regulated in the same way as other content?

@ Yes. Music with lyrics which demean women by treating them as sexual objects have been permitted for sale in Australia, showing that the current regulation system for music is inadequate.

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QUESTION 12: What are the most effective methods of controlling access to online content, access to which would be restricted under the Classification Scheme?

@ Mandatory filtering of internet content at the ISP level is the best way to exclude all material that would be classified RC, X18+ OR R18+, Opt-in access to R18+ could be provided if there is age verification.

QUESTION 14: How can access to restricted offline content, such as sexually explicit magazines, be better controlled?

@ All publications classified as Restricted (R) should only be allowed to be sold in an enclosed area which children are not permitted to enter.

QUESTION 21: Is there a need for new classification categories and, if so, what are they? Should any existing classification categories be removed or merged?

@ The existing classification categories should remain, apart from the R18+ category for films which should be abolished. Film containing depictions of sexual acts should be Refused Classification. Such films exploit and demean women. They have been implicated in the sexual abuse and premature sexualisation of children.

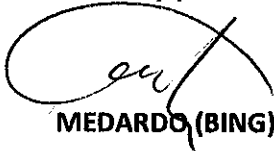
@ No. R18+ classification should be introduced for computer games, because the violence in these games is associated with an increase in violent attitudes and behavior.

QUESTION 24: Access to what content, if any, should be entirely prohibited on line?

@ Access to all material that would be classified RC, X18+ or R18+ should be prohibited to the general user. Opt-in access to R18+ could be provided, subject to strict age verification procedures.

Hoping and praying that our standard of Classification will be in the High Level Standard, for the protection and benefits for all of us; especially the vulnerable (children). Thanking you very much, I am

Sincerely yours



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