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Q1:

A new framework. I feel the existing framework does not meet the requirements of new media such as the internet and games

Q2:

To provide advice regarding the content of a published work, such that individuals can freely decide whether it is appropriate for them (or their children) to view

Q3:

Yes. Traditional published media bears a higher responsibility towards classifying content, as it's largely a 'push' based media- that is, if you leave the television on you'll continue to receive media as per the channels schedule.

More interactive media, such as the Internet, is generally a pull based medium. Rather than being fed a stream of information, the user instead choose what to view. While having a classification system to classify specific webpages etc as family friendly would be a good thing, attempting to classify the entire internet would be an impossible and largely pointless task.

Q4:

In theory no, however in practice it would not be practical to screen all content available, so a complaints based process makes more sense.

Q5:

Across traditional media, yes. It would also be beneficial to try and rate various areas of the internet as child friendly.

Q6:

Yes. It is impractical, and not really appropriate, to try and censor (i.e.) a small art gallery showing to a few dozen people.

Q7:

I don't think the classification system that applies to other media would be appropriate for artworks. In this case self-censorship (i.e. advising parents that content may be inappropriate for children) is more realistic.

Q8:

I think a different classification system should exist for music, however the same basic principles should apply.

Q9:

Yes, as with Q6 I don't think classification is appropriate for smaller works

Q10:

Yes. People should be able to have a reasonable expectation that they will not be exposed to certain material in public situations. At home, I feel it is up to the individual to decide whether material is appropriate.

Q11:

Q12:

There are existing software based solutions that provide an effective filter for parents wishing to protect children online. Were the government to implement a classification system for online content, parents may optionally use this as the basis for their filtering software.

Any filtering system should be strictly opt in, as adults should be able to make their own decisions regarding content they view.

Q13:

As with Q12, parents may optionally install filtering software on their home PC if desired.

Q14:

I believe the current system is effective

Q15:

When viewed or purchased in a public location where the consumer may not fully understand the content within.

Q16:

A review board should provide classification of content, however it should be up to industry and users as to how they interpret these classifications.

Q17:

Yes. Media is undergoing a rapid shift, and the current government based system is unable to keep up. An industry based system would allow classification systems to evolve over time to support new media much better.

Q18:

Most traditional media would fall under this banner

Q19:

If classification costs could potentially stifle the release of independent content, then this should be subsidized.

Q20:

The lack of an R rating for games is causing many games to be rated M, when they would otherwise be rated R - As such, in many cases parents are allowing their children to play games that would be better suited for adults.

Q21:

We need an Adult rating for Computer Games.

Q22:

Unsure

Q23:

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Q24:

I don't believe any content should be prohibited online for adults - it's up to the end user whether to view such content.

Measures have been proposed to block extreme illegal content child pornography, however I don't believe this would be a particularly effective solution (if it has any effect at all) - ISP level filters are very easy to bypass (School children have been trivially doing it since the early 90's, and still do), and it's unlikely to catch the majority of such material, which is generally believed to be traded on private P2P networks. Such resources would be far better spend on law enforcement.

Q25:

No. "RC" encompasses a wide variety of content that is otherwise completely legal, and I see no reason why I as an adult should not have access.

Q26:

Yes, there should be an Australia wide classification sceme

Q27:

Unsure

Q28:

Such powers would be best implemented at a federal level

Q29:

Better transparency into the process, listing of legal material that has been banned/"Refused Classification", and a transparent appeals process.

Other comments: