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Q1:

Improving the existing framework.

Q2:

Simple, easy to understand classifications that aid people in determining what material to watch.

Furthermore, the ratings system should be the same across different mediums, from print to video to interactive.

Q3:

No. Books, DVDs and video games should all be classified under the same guidelines.

Q4:

No. Because most often a single complaint is not representative of the views of the majority.

Q5:

No. Content designed for Children should be treated no differently to content designed for adults.

Q6:

No. The Ratings and Classifications system should be unbiased and transparent in its operation

Q7:

No. Artistic merit is not something the Classification Board ought be ruling on.

Q8:

Yes.

Q9:

No.

Q10:

No.

Q11:

Q12:

Online content hosted within Australia should be classified. It is not the role of Government to censor the Internet.

Q13:

By placing the onus of responsibility upon those whom are responsible for the care of the children, i.e. their parents.

Q14:

In the same way that the supply of alcohol is.

Q15:

Always. But not at the expense of covering a product's packaging in gaudy labels, ala Cigarette Packaging.

Q16:

Government bodies should classify media and no more.

Industry bodies and users should be consulted for changes and improvements to the classification system.

Q17:

It's difficult to say. The system is prone to abuse, but with adequate safe guards, it is workable.

Q18:

None.

Q19:

The Classification system should be available to all to access, and paid for by the government, rather than content makers.

Q20:

No. Currently, ratings and classifications are very confusing, given that each medium appears to have a different set of rules and standards applied to it.

Q21:

Yes! An R rating for video games should be introduced.

Furthermore a standard classification system for all media should be introduced with the same terminology and branding to give consistency across all content.

Q22:

By actually having the same ratings for all content categories.

Q23:

Yes

Q24:

None. The Internet should be allowed to remain Free and Open.

Q25:

No.

Q26:

No. A national ratings scheme should apply to the whole country.

Q27:

A nationally recognised scheme with consultation from all States and Territories.

Q28:

Yes

Q29:

As said earlier, the standardisation of ratings across the board would be a good start. The best people to decide what Australians should be able to view are Australians.

Other comments:

As an adult, I am able to do many things that children cannot. I can drink; I can drive; I can obtain and use a firearm; I can serve in the military in far off lands. But to think I can't play a video game because the government believes it is not safe for children to have access to these video games is absurd.

TS Eliot once wrote "This is how the world ends; Not with a bang, but a whimper." He was talking about the Gunpowder Treason but the sentiment also rings true with our civil liberties. I see the trends emerging every day; a change to legislation here, a court ruling there; individually not of particular

worry. Together however they lead us closer and closer to an Orwellian future of a fascist Police State.

I implore you to return a sense of personal responsibility to Australia.