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Q1:

Improve existing.

Q2:

Provide fair ratings of content grouped into appropriate bands by maturity without bias, prejudice or oversight.

Q3:

No - technology and platforms are merely delivery vehicles.

Q4:

Ideally all content is classified but that is not achievable. Using exceptions/complaints to prioritise is a reasonable compromise.

Q5:

Yes - material targeted for children must be classified to ensure it is appropriate for the age bracket.

Placing this trust in content providers is irresponsible.

Q6:

No, the size of the content producer or distributor is irrelevant. One might even argue that a large content provider should be audited more rigorously given the larger amount of content produced would require additional headcount to ensure it meets guidelines and I don't believe they are incentivised to invest in a cost centre.

Q7:

Yes.

Q8:

Yes.

Q9:

No, its irrelevant.

Q10:

No, its irrelevant.

Q11:

None - age is sufficient. Under 18 is subject to various banding. 18 and over is unrestricted with the appropriate R and X classifications to educate consumers.

Q12:

Filtering, DNS blacklists etc are all ineffective (see Tor, bittorrent, public DNS, usenet, non-HTTP protocols etc). Enforce classification ratings for Australian sites and provide a government sponsored, open ratings list of domain + classification that the public can use to filter their network traffic. Sponsor an open source implementation of a filter that uses this so Australian households can implement it as they choose.

Q13:

See Q12 - support for an open ratings list + sponsorship of tools to help households filter traffic.

Q14:

Q15:

When its targeted at under 18 year olds or if it is rated as R or X.

Q16:

Classification, support of tools to enable restriction, education. It should NOT be filtering ala Telstra.

Q17:

No - you cannot trust industry to rate its own content fairly and accurately.

Q18:

None.

Q19:

Q20:

The distinction between PG and MA15+ seems blurred, and 15+ is not enforced in movie theatres, video shops etc.

Q21:

No.

Q22:

Use the same rating scheme for all.

Q23:

Q24:

None - the government should not restrict access to any content. If I'm over 18 I should be able to consume any type of content, especially if my rating would differ from yours.

Q25:

Q26:

It should be completely consistent. The fact its legal to buy X rated material in Canberra, especially given its the nation's capital, undermines the restriction in other states.

Q27:

Q28:

Yes.

Q29:

Other comments: