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Q1:

Improving key elements of the existing framework

Q2:

To allow parents and consumers to make appropriate choices.

Q3:

No

Q4:

No

Q5:

Yes, but classified and censored are different. Classify things appropriately, so that parents can make the correct choices for the children, do not censor for the sake of short term political gain

Q6:

No

Q7:

No

Q8:

No

Q9:

No

Q10:

No

Q11:

None

Q12:

Providing information to parents, and then leaving it up to them to decide what their children view/use. Government should be providing the necessary information, but should not be interfering with the private choices of tax paying citizens.

Q13:

By parents

Q14:

By educating parents and relying on them to make the right choices for their children

Q15:

When it is sold

Q16:

Government should have no role in regulation. This should be left to the producer of the content, and the consumers.

Q17:

Q18:

Q19:

Yes, if it impacts the costs of these small firms

Q20:

Yes, they are generally understood

Q21:

No

Q22:

They are fine as is

Q23:

Yes

Q24:

Child pornography, that is it. Anything else is a personal choice that the government rightfully should have no say in.

Q25:

No, it is too restrictive

Q26:

Yes, it is important, and those states with harsher, and therefore unnecessary restrictions should be brought in line with the sensible policies of other states.

Q27:

None

Q28:

No

Q29:

By making sure that it enables, and therefore puts the responsibility upon, parents to protect children, nothing more. Anything more than this is unAustralian and undermines our freedom which makes this country great.

Other comments:

In effect, government should have a system in place to provide parents with adequate information to make appropriate choices for their children in what media they use/view/consume. Any government involvement in outright censorship of material, or any other presumption of choice, is a violation of basic human freedoms and Australian culture. Our fathers fought for the freedom of this country against tyranny of all types. That the government should think it has the right or the responsibility to restrict what media is consumed by consenting adults, outside of that which is directly exploitative of minors, is a violation of our rights and a direct and grave insult to what this great country has fought for for generations. Censorship is the first step towards tyranny, and any who advocate its institution are in favor of the destruction of human liberty, no matter how they may falsely justify their misguided beliefs. Essentially, those who argue in favor of censorship today, argue in favor of dictatorship, tyranny and slavery tomorrow. They are undemocratic, and wish to see our great society and culture destroyed from the inside out. I urge the government to think carefully about what course they take, and to realize that history will be the ultimate judge of their actions, not the misguided voter easily swayed by gilded yet false words at the ballot box.