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Q1:

The ALRC should work on the addition of an R18+ rating for video games that are sold in stores in Australia.

It is however beyond the scope of any single Government to enforce ratings on online content in my opinion. Providing ratings where requested so that people can be informed is great.

Q2:

Allowing for the making of more informed choices for the purchasers or users of any particular type of content via a useful classification scheme that provides age appropriate and content type information.

Q3:

No. The type of technology or platform used to access content should have no effect on how content should be classified.

However classification should purely be a system of classification and not include censorship via either 1) Requiring all content to be classified and 2) Things such as the X18+ and RC classifications making content illegal to access by adults.

Q4:

No. No content should be required to be classification while there exists the ability to deny access to content to adults based upon the results of the classification. If such enforcement powers were removed, then yes.

Q5:

To the first: No. But recommended.

To the second: If the content is *designed* for children then it would be likely that only content that does have a classification saying it's suitable for children would find acceptance from the publishers/broadcasters/whatever along with the parents/guardians of the children. A case of market pressure.

Q6:

No.

Q7:

If displayed in a totally public place (thus there's no real advance notice for the "consumers" to make informed decisions on if they wish to "consume" the artwork or allow children under their care to "consume" it) then yes. However I imagine that would come down to bylaws from local councils etc. about them requiring a classification on such public works in their tendering processes.

Q8:

Yes. All content should be able to receive classification if it's going to be published. None should require it by federal law.

Q9:

No.

Q10:

If it's accessed at home, then the user has already made a decision that they wish to use it.

Classification should only be there as a guide.

If it's accessed in public in such a way that other people are exposed to it without being able to make an informed decision beforehand then yes, but within reason. Someone playing their music too loud so that others can hear might be accosted for disturbing the peace etc. but the content of what they're listening to shouldn't have an impact in terms of if a work should be classified or not. That's not to say that as per Question 4 that it couldn't be classified in response to a complaint.

Q11:

Q12:

Education and the provision of useful and timely information.

Q13:

Education and supervision from their guardians. Certified and Regulated top level domains for websites (not that that will stop everything).

Q14:

For children? If in a store, move them to the top shelves and plastic wrapped or behind the counter.

For adults: It's over controlled as is with all of the States (the last I heard) banning X rated content.

The banning should be removed.

Q15:

When it is displayed via more of a "push" access mechanisms rather than a "pull" access mechanism.

Esp. in public.

Q16:

Government: Establishing the laws and the design of the warnings and ratings.

Industry: Provide input on what is technically feasible.

Users: Provide input on criteria for each rating type in collaboration with the Government agencies.

Q17:

Industry should provide technical help on what is and isn't possible. If properly certified they could be used (with the input still of users) to help classification to help remove bottlenecks.

Q18:

Q19:

Classification should not be required per se. except where described above. If in response to a valid complaint then the costs should be covered by the person or group complaining or covered by the government. If the work is a push mechanic to be shown in a public place and local ordinance requires it be classified first then it should be covered by the producer except in the case of personal speech or yes, very small groups.

Q20:

Q21:

I so no real need for both an M and an MA15+ category. Remove one, but all content classified the one removed should be reclassified as the one kept.

An age level could be added to the PG rating (like PG13 or whatever).

The RC classification should be removed. X18+ should cover sexually explicit content. A new, V18+ could cover explicitly violent content with R18+ be a catchall for other adult only content.

Q22:

Q23:

The type of content shouldn't matter in such ways.

Q24:

None.

If there is actual illegal content (say child pornography) it should be prosecuted under the laws making that content illegal. There should be no law prohibiting content in terms of a classification system in general.

Q25:

The RC classification should be removed as detailed in Q21.

Q26:

Yes. It should be required.

Q27:

A Commonwealth only system.

Q28:

Yes.

Q29:

Make the focus on providing information to the potential user or guardian of the potential user rather than imposing the morality of people who speak with imaginary friends on rational people.

Other comments: