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Q1:

A new framework needs to be investigated. Namely a framework that is the same for all media types (Games, Video, Print etc) and one that focuses providing proper information and classification of material rather than government regulation.

Q2:

To Inform and Classify the public in regards to the subject matter and themes of classified content

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No, Irrespective of how the content is consumed classification is an important information tool.

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yes, having the same classification system for all types of content will allow a much easier way to inform the public as to the contents of the material

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The most effective way to prevent children from viewing material that is inappropriate to them is twofold 1. provide clear classifications about the content and 2. Allow parents to control the material viewed (or read or played) by their children.

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This comes down to Parental responsibility. The classification boards job should not be to make sure no child ever sees inappropriate content, their job should be to inform parents in regards to what the content contains and then the parents can decide and enforce their own restrictions on their children.

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Industry Bodies: Apply classifications to content based on guidelines that are universal throughout the different content types.

Government bodies: Review classifications in the event that complaints arise due to a rating being too low or too high

Users: As adults the users responsibility is to read the classifications and decide if the content is appropriate for themselves and their children.

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Having the industry regulate itself while working with the government to define guidelines and classification requirements would be the most appropriate way to classify material

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Industry bodies are more suited to regulate and classify content than government agencies, So all content should be classified by the industry itself

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The lack of an R18+ rating for video games causes the misguided conception that Video games are only for children. This is not the case as many games are created specifically for adults and should be played only by adults.

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An R18+ classification for video games is needed to prevent children playing games that have been classified MA15+ but should be rated higher while still allowing consenting adults to play the games. Print Content needs to have a similar classification system (if possible simplified) as other media as the current system allows children to read books that are inappropriate without providing parents with any information about the content.

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Yes, the guidelines in general for all content need to be reviewed and it needs to be remembered that the purpose of these Acts is to Classify content, not censor it and allow Adults to make their own decisions as to viewing that material and whether or not that material is appropriate for their children

Q24:

It should not be the role of the classification board to prevent material from being viewed online. For material that causes abuse such as Child pornography or Bestiality the Federal police should work in conjunction with the ISP's to remove the content and prosecute the people creating the material. Simply hiding it from public view does nothing to protect the people being hurt by the production of the material

Q25:

Currently the RC category is completely out of touch with the whole purpose of a classification system. Provided content does not Harm an individual or group then a classification should be given to inform adults as to the content. Not censor the content based on guidelines that are out of date and not in line with community views.

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As stated above. the role of the classification board should be to "Classify" content, not "Censor" it. Implementing consistency between all content types, Adding an R18+ classification to Video games, Reviewing RC classification making it more in line with the spirit of "Classification Not Censoring" mentality that the classification board needs to be reminded of.

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Other comments:

Several points can come out of this:

1. Classify Not Censor
2. Consistency throughout content types (Print, Music, Video, Games)
3. Parental responsibility
4. Classifications should serve as a guide to inform people of the content, it is up to the Parent to protect their children from material they deem inappropriate.