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Q1:

Developing a new framework, as the current one doesn't allow for R-rated or higher.

Q2:

Allowing more media through better classification levels and techniques. If you just ban things you can't classify, then it's suppression.

Q3:

No. The argument that kids can find bad things on the internet is irrelevant, as the kids shouldn't be unsupervised on the internet in the first place.

Q4:

Sure, if you let democracy self-classify you would end up with a fairer system than letting a handful of people make all the decisions.

Q5:

Content that is clearly for children should be classified as such, so that parents know it is safe for them.

Q6:

No, but take into account the types of content a producer previously released and focus more intently on those that are known to need classification.

Q7:

Art as in art-gallery-art should never need classification. That's up to the exhibitioners and galleries to advise visitors of suitability. Their advertisements may need classification if it's shocking/violent/sexual in nature.

Q8:

Music really only needs the "Explicit Lyrics" classification, which could be practically automated, since lyrics sheets can be procured to enable automated scanning.

Q9:

No.

Q10:

How can you tell where someone is going to play a game or watch a movie on their laptop? if the content is publicly shown or displayed, it should have classification.

Q11:

Q12:

Having parents supervise children using the internet.

If you really wanted to stop 17 year olds from downloading R18 content, you could unplug their computers. That'd be the most effective method.

Q13:

With better parenting.

Q14:

Having newsagencies get fines for sale of such content to minors. Enforcing it better than cigarette sales are enforced. Taking the magazines off easily-accessible shelves.

Q15:

content with explicit lyrics, excessive violence or adult-content. A warning or classification is all thinking parents should need to prevent their kids from buying it.

Q16:

They shouldn't be regulating it's release at all, just classifying what needs it and letting the people have what they want to have.

Q17:

It would be. Industries try hard to hit specific classifications with their productions, so they already know what they are after. If you give them solid guidelines on the Code and randomly police it, it would save time on releases, save money on the bureaucratic-side and lead to more good-will.

Q18:

Adult sexual content, known violent video games, explicit music.

Q19:

If they were to classify themselves, then subsidy is not needed. If the Govt must maintain control of the classification process, then why should the producers pay for it?

Q20:

M and MA are not properly understood, if indeed they still exist?

Otherwise, G, PG, M and R are really all that is needed and people understand them.

Q21:

R18+ is needed for computer/video games. It's insane that content which is easy to order online from New Zealand is outright banned in Australia because we don't have a a classification for any games above M.

Q22:

Use the same classifications and stickers on the packaging for all content. the "Explicit Lyrics" sticker on CDs could easily be replaced with the "M15+" sticker, which would also encourage Store Attendants and salespersons to check age before selling.

Q23:

The more consolidated something gets, generally the more cumbersome it becomes. A Slim, national classification Code that encompasses all types of media under generalised terminology is all that is needed.

Q24:

It's pretty hard to enforce a ban online. And where do you start banning things? If you are going to ban Child Porn or Abuse content, then you need to ban all Catholic Church websites too. I'd like to see you try that.

Q25:

Why is there a Refused Classification category at all? Just classify it as R18+ and let adults decide for themselves.

Q26:

There should be one classification law and code for the entire country. Any state that doesn't toe the line should have that power taken away from it.

Q27:

A country wide scheme for classification under a single Code.

Q28:

Yes.

Q29:

You could stop listening to parent groups and religious lobbyists. They don't stand for freedom of choice, freedom of information or even freedoms. They want things restricted and banned because they are too scared and/or lazy to impose their will on their children or religious flocks.

Other comments:

Don't make us fill out another one of these in 6 months time. It would be good if the Government actually did something rather than "Request more information" with the information we are giving you.