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Q1:

Q2:

To protect all Australians from material that is harmful

To give consumers adequate and accurate information regarding classified material

To protect children from unsuitable material.

Q3:

All harmful material should be restricted or excluded, regardless of technology or platform, but yes, I think the technology and type of material does affect decisions concerning its classification. For example, pictures are likely to have more impact than written words and interactive games are even more likely to affect attitudes and behaviour than passive viewing of other materials.

Q4:

No. Although it would be appropriate to consider the merit of complaints, the review panel should be able to act on their own viewing of material.

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Q7:

Pornography is pornography, regardless of artistic merit. Yes, there is a place for classifying some artwork and even refusing classification and exhibition of some works, especially those that sexualise and exploit children.

Q8:

Yes. The warnings at the beginning of "Rage" provide an indication that the lyrics of some songs are of concern and audio books should be subject to restrictions along with written books.

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My experience of Internet filters leads me to the conclusion that ISP level filters could be applied without impinging too greatly on Internet performance, and that this would be the most effective means of restricting online access to unsuitable materials.

Q13:

Complete exclusion of all RC, X18+ and R18+ material (as in 12 above) would be a good start to reduce exposure of children to inappropriate content.

Q14:

All Restricted publications should be sold in shops or areas of shops where children are not permitted to enter. These books, magazines, etc, should not be displayed or advertised in any place that children are able to view.

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I am not confident that industry has, to date, displayed sufficient responsibility in this regard.

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A new R18+ category for computer games should not be introduced.

The X18+ category for films should be removed.

Both of these groups of materials should be refused classification. They are associated with an increase in violence and sexual abuse.

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RC, X18+ and R18+ should be prohibited online

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All classification categories should 'move up one level'. G-rated TV, movies, games, etc should NOT contain ANY sex, violence, drug use etc. Much of what is now G should probably be rated PG. The MA15+ category allows far too much sex and violence. Most, if not all, of the current MA15+ category really should be rated R18+ and, if they are games, should therefore be excluded.

Other comments:

All public advertising, eg billboards, should be G-rated.