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Q1:

This Inquiry should improve the key elements of the existing framework

Q2:

Protections should be strictly enforced to ensure that children are not subjected to "M"; "MA" and "R" rated films/games/TV

Q3:

No - In a "perfect" world, where responsible parents monitor the activities of children, TV/DVD & Internet - that may be fine - but as the morals of our society get whittled away, all content should be classified.

Q4:

No. What benefit do people get from viewing violent or explicit sex themes in games/DVD/TV. The "industry" is profit driven. Governments should endeavor to promote all that is wholesome

Q5:

Potential impact of content SHOULD affect whether it should be classified. Content designed specifically for children should be classified across all media. I have noticed "G" rated items containing statements such as "some scenes may frighten small children" - why then is it "G" rated?

Q6:

No. All material should be classified.

Q7:

Artwork should be classified if it portrays children in a sexual context.

Q8:

Yes. There may be purchasers of items such as audio books who do not want to be subjected to lewd language - or content that is unwholesome and unedifying

Q9:

No.

Q10:

No. There are situations where children visit the homes of friends - perhaps their parents are unconcerned about what children may watch.

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Q13:

The implementation of a national filtering system.

Q14:

The government has gone to the trouble of legislating that cigarettes are not displayed in retail premises. These magazines - if they must be sold - should also not be displayed. That would certainly inhibit children from being exposed to this type of degrading publication. Photo ID to be produced to ensure that purchasers are of permitted legal age

Q15:

When there are people in society that would be offended/damaged/corrupted by the content if viewed/listened to

Q16:

Government should protect the vulnerable in our society - this is not the case at the present time .

Q17:

NO! - Self regulation/ Co- regulation would not work - the "system" is profit driven.

Q18:

None. They can't be trusted

Q19:

The government should ensure that content is classified and its citizens protected. To that end "subsidy" should occur

Q20:

As previously mentioned, I have seen "G" rated items containing statements such as "some scenes may frighten small children" - why then is it "G" rated? Also, there are items which do not actually specify why they are rated "M" - and items that state "mild themes" (whatever they are, I just don't know) and "adult themes" -

Q21:

NO. There should be more effort in reducing/eliminating harmful material

Q22:

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Q24:

Violence; sex acts; - ask yourselves the question "is the thing I am about to watch going to promote a healthy mindset or cause me to want to harm others"?

Q25:

The Refused Classification category is currently failing badly. The bureaucrats on the classification board are

clearly getting burnt out by the increasing severity of material, thereby causing them, being only human, to permit more extreme material into lower classifications. That is why review boards must be REVOLVING.

Discrimination laws should not be used to allow pressure groups to participate in such review boards beyond their Actual statistical representation in the community.

The RC category MUST BE STRENGTHENED and more VIGOROUSLY APPLIED. e.g cut scenes out entirely or refuse publication

Q26:

Q27:

A legislative scheme that strictly enforces classifications - and allows representation of "normal" family oriented Australians to assist in the classification of films/TV/Games/Internet

Q28:

Q29:

Other comments:

Compared with society 50 years ago, Australian society has deteriorated - murder, mugging, crimes against women and children an every day occurrence. We have allowed the easy availability of pornography and violent games/DVD/TV. Government should take the responsibility to protect its citizens - and it has failed miserably. The industry that propagates unwholesome/unedifying programmes/games/TV/Internet content is profit driven - and will be very difficult to rein in. We need a strong government to protect the weak in our society and to actively promote "the good" . In the retail environment, I have noticed that "G" rated items are displayed alongside "MA" and "R" rated games and DVD's. Laws should be in place to have "MA" and "R" rated items completely separate from other classifications. On a visit to K mart - I overheard a conversation between a teenager and the shop assistant. The teenager was attempting to purchase an MA rated DVD - the assistant asked him if he had parents permission to purchase the item. The item should not have been sold to this teenager (13 or 14 year old). There are laws in place to prevent cigarettes being displayed and sold to those under age - perhaps the "media industry" is more powerful than the tobacco lobby - hence what media are allowed to get away with at the present time??