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Q1:

The ALRC should focus on developing a completely new framework that covers all aspects of the classification system leaving no gaps in the system for games to fall through or to be overtly banned via misclassification.

Q2:

To provide a regulatory framework for what media is available for certain age groups, not to provide a mechanism for banning media deemed "unsuitable" by unknown and faceless bureaucrats .

Q3:

No, classification should be scientifically and mathematically based so that any and all forms of media should be able to be classified by the same system. If the system cannot provide for this then the system is broken and requires redevelopment. Interactivity in no way has been scientifically proven to be more harmful than the act of just witnessing material, therefore all material should sit under the same classification system.

Q4:

No, for the sake of completeness all media should be classified, if this means implementing self classification then so be it.

Q5:

No the potential impact of content should not fact into whether or not a piece of media is classified or not. Childrens content like all content should be classified under a self regulatory basis with the laws implying responsibility on the content owner to classify said media correctly.

Q6:

No, absolutely not. Classification should be independent of all government, political and market pressures. Classification should be inherently unbiased and just in its application. There is no room for bias when applying the classification of media to a piece of material be it game, movie or internet content

Q7:

Art should be protected under a right of freedom of expression. By its very nature any attempt at censorship upon a piece of art work serves to detract from the meaning of the piece and ultimately to destroy its value as a piece. That being said art also transcends all specific mediums and as such deserves that same right of "freedom of expression" across all mediums be it in the form of a game, a painting, a song or an audiovisual piece.

Q8:

yes

Q9:

absolutely not, self media classification would provide the mechanism for even the smallest of pieces of media to be classified

Q10:

No, classification is not about banning material from one sector or another it is about providing the public with a solid foundation on which to make reasonable choices about what they see and hear.

Q11:

No factor should contribute, if one piece of content is to be classified then all content should be classified

Q12:

There is currently no viable available method of controlling access to online content that does not discriminate and ban content that should not be banned or that is easily bypassed. The technology required for this is inadequate and is always open to abuse by governments and corporations. Until an international consensus is reached on how to classify and restrict content then any efforts by the Australian government is not only arrogant but stupidly incompetent as well.

Q13:

Parental supervision is the only way. Providing parents with the knowledge and know how to supervise thier own child is key in this area

Q14:

Access to sexually explicit magazines is already controlled very well and not a source of contention for any suitably well adjusted individual.

Q15:

When the material is classified anything above General consumption. Everything else should display the marking indicating to the public what rating it is at.

Q16:

Government should provide the funding for classification and the statutory framework for a completely independant industry wide body to operate. This independant body should have the ability to fine and impose prision terms on individuals or organisations that fail to comply with its independately accedited classification system. Classification should be given over as the responsibility of the individual or organisation that is producing the content, this is the only viable method in a world where 24 hours of video is uploaded to youtube every minute.

Q17:

Absolutely, although i personally thing government has no role to play in classification of material except for to provide a framework which within an independant industry regulator should operate.

Q18:

All content should be classified by industry or the individual. Self classification is the only viable option.

Q19:

If the burdon of classification was placed upon the individual then no the government shouldn't subsidese classification of content, having said that the framework of what is classified as what would need to be able to be easily applied to content with no charge or cost associated. The only charge or cost associated should be in the audit process which would be run by an independant industry authority funded by the government i.e. any fines given should self fund the operation.

Q20:

No, MA15+ particularly in the gaming industry is widely known to be completely subjectively applied. The governments lack of ability to provide a proper classification rating system for the game industry

is a travesty and unjust as the system as it stands is only used to ban games the government deems "unsuitable" whether Australian citizens agree or not

Q21:

New classification categories should apply in the gaming sector, it should be brought inline with that of film and television. Also the same classifications should apply to print and media advertisements and all content industries

Q22:

Make the whole system the same rating system and then scientifically/mathematically provide a system for rating.

Q23:

Yes, it should also be updated to reflect current social attitudes towards content. It should be regularly review and updated compared to social attitudes towards content

Q24:

None. prohibiting access to child porn etc. drives the industry underground where the perpetrators cannot be found and suitably processed.

Q25:

No, it bans a whole host of information, like abortion and suicide, that is socially acceptable in our modern society, banning the material online is not only arrogant but socially unjust in a progressive society like australia.

Q26:

Yes absolutely, all states and territories should adhere to the same system. It should be promoted by forcibly removing classification rights from the states Governor generals and putting it in the hands of people whom actually know what they are talking about.

Q27:

One that introduces an independent industry body that regulates and issues audits on content across all content mediums. Government has no place in classification

Q28:

yes, then the commonwealth should relinquish that power to an independent authority that cannot be bullied by the government.

Q29:

Made independent of the government. Made to be transparent. Made to match current social attitudes to content. Made to be fluid in its decisions. Made to promote public trust

Other comments:

The government has no place in providing a model for classification of content within australia and it definitely has no place in providing direction for what should be banned. An independent industry authority that is accountable to the people that relies on self classification is the only viable method of classification in the current modern age where more material is created every second than an individual could view in an entire life time.