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Q1:
New framework, to bring Australia in line with the rest of the world. Q2:
R18+ Rating for Video Games
Q3:
Yes, technology is advancing at a rapid pace, law need to be set in place that wont require long drawn out processes to change them every time something new comes along (smart phones, gaming, tablets etc are a few hat have had massive changes in the past few years) Q4:
No, classifying something from the start will save on costs and I feel it would potentially open up to many forms to the "wowsers" or "bible bashers" to complain and lobby against every time they see something THEY don't like, pandering to a vocal out of touch minority is not good policy. Q5:
Yes, its important especially when it comes to adverting at children that they are not exposed to unsuitable content. Q6:
No, all content producers should be treated on a equal, level playing field. Just because the something is popular it does not mean it should get preferential treatment. Q7:
No art is art and should be viewed (this slightly conflicts with my answer in Question3) Q8:
Yes, some music should not be sold to kids, I wouldn't want my younger relatives listening to some of the stuff I do at an early age. Q9:
No, same as my answer in Question 6 Q10:
Yes, what I view in my home as long as it is not illegal is no one else s business, I feel it is against my personal freedoms to have some one else tell me what I can or cannot listen to or watch. A Big reason why they need to have an R18+ rating for video games, I'm an adult I can cope with the content if some one else does not like it that is their own business and has nothing to do with me Q11: Nil
Q12:

You should know that there are not any, the internet cannot be controlled people will always find back doors, loop holes. VERY against the firewall they are proposing (not sure if they are still looking at doing this) this is Australia not Communist China.

Q13:

Parents! sick and tired of them making it some one else responsibility or having laws in place that seem to cater for the bad parents of today. They should invest in firewall, monitor the use of their children's internet usage, not block things because kids might be accessing.

Software that work on the PC itself not blanket banning / blocking content for everyone (see firewall comment in Question12)

Q14:

I think it already is, Kids (young boys mainly I guess) will always find ways around this, as long as retailers are obeying the law there is not much more else that can be done.

Q15:

When there is some form of impact (digital media only, obviously including adult print media) with the exception of news services.

Q16:

exactly that regulating it! In a way that caters for today's generations and mediums not for all the old complaining fogies, its not 1920 anymore

Q17:

No, Industry especially advertising cant be trusted, its best for the Govt to work with them very closely to make things happen, the final decision should be the governments

Q18:

Children's materials, with exception of kids advertising.

Q19:

Yes, helps the industry & also the emerging games industry in Australia, good for new talent in Film,

TV, Music, Gaming & print media

Q20:

Yes, except by those who are missing a few chromosomes.

Q21:

Yes R18+ for video games, I doubt X rated would be required at this stage.

Q22·

Age classifications like in movies & games letting people know the general age group that it is suitable for, helps parents mainly to make the right choices for their kids.

Q23:

Yes, again R18+ for games.

Q24:

Nothing that is legal, if its illegals the cops will come knocking.

Q25:

NO, defiantly not

Q26:

No there needs to be 1 national system so we don't get a repeat of 1 hold out person like Michael Atkinson blocking progress.

Q27:

Bit of an advanced question, the system needs to be brought into line and made more modern, things have changed a lot from 1995

Q28:

Yes! Fed should just take over, different state and federal political parties with differing ideals makes progress difficult. They will disagree just for disagreeing not because it might be in the national interest but to score cheap political points or pander to vocal minorities that back thier party.

Q29:

(already covered) R18+ For video games

Other comments:

I really hope the issue of a R18+ rating for games can be resolved, it hardly inspires much confidence in the system of Government we have when such a small issue like this has dragged on & on & on for so long.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, hope I made some good points, apologies for any conflicting statements I may have submitted but i think you will understand my points

Regards

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