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Q1:

Yes. The current framework is insufficient.

Q2:

To bring Australia into line with other developed countries, without restricting the freedoms of Australians. Avoiding any more restrictions is absolutely critical.

Q3:

No piece of technological hardware or software should be treated differently from any other piece of technological hardware or software.

Q4:

No. Complaints should not be the sole reason for a classification.

Q5:

Yes, content for children should be classified across all media.

Q6:

Certainly not. Producers/distributors should not be discriminated against because of their size, large or small.

Q7:

No. Adults should be free to decide what art they and their children experience.

Q8:

No. It's unnecessary and overbearing.

Q9:

No. Data/content should be taken as it is, regardless of audience size/composition.

Q10:

There is absolutely no need to classify material viewed in private, at home. Adults are perfectly capable of deciding whether content is suitable for themselves and their children.

Q11:

The ability of adults to decide for themselves the content they consume should be paramount.

Q12:

Online content should not have access to it controlled. Besides the fact that there is far more content continuously generated than is possible to control, access control is restrictive, insulting, and a danger

to future democracy.

Q13:

By their parents, and only by their parents. Educate parents and children, make free personal, home-based tools available to parents who want them.

Q14:

Offline content is an ever-shrinking percentage of content. Current controls are perfectly adequate to see it into irrelevance.

Q15:

When the content itself is trivially viewable in a public area. For example, magazines on shelves, movies in cinemas.
Content not trivially viewable in a public area should not have markings, e.g. books, music, online content.

Q16:

Government agencies should seek to minimise their role: the world has changed, and the amount of data created daily is far, far more than any agency can hope to classify.
Allow industry bodies to classify their own content. Encourage them to do so, but don't force them.
Users should have the ultimate control of the content they consume. Every decision made by a government agency or industry body should be able to be overridden by the user concerned. Adults do not need to be spoon fed.

Q17:

Yes, that would be a step in the right direction.

Q18:

They should classify content intended purely for children. Decisions about other content should be left to the user to decide.

Q19:

The government should subsidies all classifications.

Q20:

The lack of an 18+ category for computer games indirectly causes confusion: games get forced into the 15+ category, giving the mistaken impression that they are suitable for minors.
Bear in mind that the average gamer is an adult male, not a child or teenager.

Q21:

An 18+ category for games is needed. The 15+ category is unnecessary, and should be eliminated.

Q22:

Use the same symbols and categories for all media classified.

Q23:

Yes. There is no need to distinguish between games and film.

Q24:

Absolutely none, under any circumstances, ever. Doing so requires infrastructure that can be abused by government, now or in the future.
Child porn is already prohibited, regardless of whether it's online or not. Instead of wasting money on online censorship, spend it chasing creators of child porn instead. Execute them instead of imprisoning them for all I care, but don't censor the internet, and don't accuse people opposed to censorship of being any less opposed to child porn than censorship advocates.

Q25:

No, not at all. Don't forget that in most states possession of most RC content is legal. See Q24.

Q26:

Not very important.

Q27:

Modify the existing scheme slightly: allow classification to be changed by a majority of states, rather than needing a unanimous decision.

Q28:

No. Unnecessary.

Q29:

Any reduction would be an improvement. Simply provide guidelines and suggestions (not legal classifications) to help parents choose content for their children, and allow adults to make their own decisions.

Other comments:

Don't censor ("filter") the internet, especially not in secret.
Don't pretend the proposed censorship will stop pedophiles accessing child porn - you know it won't (as do I: I have a degree in Computer Science).

Give us 18+ games - it's embarrassing to be Australian in online communities these days.