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Q1:

The inquiry should focus on a new framework covering all forms of content across all distribution mediums. This includes, TV, radio, print etc along with video, music, audio books, computer games, mobile games etc. With media convergence, there is no reason to have separate classification codes.

Q2:

1. Self classification by publishers. Only complaints draw a specific review.
2. Consistent classification across all forms of media.
3. Introduction of an R18+ category for games.

Q3:

Yes. The amount of online media being produced whether that is video or interactive games is so huge there it will be impossible to classify everything.

Q4:

Yes. Publishers should be required to self classify based on a set of guidelines. Only when a complaint is received should an official classification review be undertaken.

Q5:

The impact of content should not affect whether it should be classified. I don't believe there would be any firm agreement of the impact of certain media. The impact of violent computer games for example is still not agreed upon. Recent research showed that violent crime rates have dropped since the introduction of violent video games.

Q6:

No.

Q7:

No. Is this question even being seriously considered?

Q8:

Yes. Consistent classification for the reason stated in Q1.

Q9:

No.

Q10:

No.

Q11:

Q12:

I assume you mean for adults. Why do you need to control what adults can and cannot see? You do not!

Q13:

Parental supervision. NOT and I repeat NOT a nanny state ISP internet filter. Internet filters at both the ISP and home level are nothing but a false sense of security for parents. They are easily circumvented and are likely to reduce the amount of supervision a parent feels they need to provide while their child is on the internet.

Q14:

Existing controls are fine. Only 18+ people can buy, they are sealed when they are sold. What more do you want? A registration system for people who buy them? Give it 10 years, and those magazines will not even be in print.

Q15:

Q16:

Government and industry bodies should develop the classification scheme and classifying guidelines.

Publishers should self classify.

Users as the name would suggest would use that classification.

Q17:

Yes, as stated in most of the answers to the previous questions.

Q18:

All.

Q19:

In the example provided, yes, there should be some subsidy available.

Q20:

Yes.

MA15+ for games causes problems. Games that should be rated R18+ are either shoehorned into MA15+ or refused classification. Games that are refused classification are simply bought over the internet from overseas. The same would probably be true for X rated content.

The internet means that a ban on local sale will not in anyway stop that content from being available to people in Australia. They will just not be able to buy it in Australia.

Q21:

R18+ for games. If there was a consistent code across all forms of media as was stated in Q2 as an objective, this would happen.

Q22:

Standard classification categories across all types of media. (Am I repeating myself?)

Q23:

Yes.

Q24:

Obviously child pornography. How do you restrict it? Not by classifying it, not by filtering, but by giving that money to law enforcement people to stop its production at the source. Hiding it from view does nothing to help the situation.

That sort of material is not freely floating around on the internet, you would have to go looking for it. People who want it use channels such as P2P and passworded areas which filtering, classification and prohibition does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to stop it being available.

People who believe an internet filter is going to stop themselves or their children accidentally stumbling across child porn are seriously deluded. You just aren't going to accidentally come across it.

Q25:

No, RC should be trimmed down alot. There is far to much content that falls into RC that should be available, is available legally overseas and can be obtained through the internet if desired.

Q26:

Yes. Classification should be determined at the national level and removed from state control.

Q27:

A federal one.

Q28:

How come you always pose the question two questions after I have answered it.

Q29:

Other comments: