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I have read the questions for public submissions and wish to submit answers to some questions.

Question 2

*What should be the primary objectives of a national classification scheme ?*

I am very concerned about children viewing pornographic material which irresponsible adults allow them to view. The only way to overcome this is to prevent the distribution of material that violates community standards. The protection of our children should be a priority.

Question 12

*What are the most effective methods of controlling access to online content ?*

I believe there should be mandatory filtering of internet content at the ISP level for all homes with children, all schools and libraries.

Question 21

*Should any existing categories be removed or merged?*

I would like to see X18+ category for films abolished. All explicit depictions of sexual acts should not be shown, such acts exploit and demean women. It has been shown that sexual abuse of children is linked to viewing such graphic material.

Also there should not be a R18+ classification for computer games, violence in these games is associated with an increase in violent behaviour. I know of one single male parent who hires violent games which his young boys use. I have witnessed their aggressive behaviour as a result of hours of playing out violent games.

Question 24

*Access to what content, if any, should be entirely prohibited online ?*

Anything that is harmful to children such as RC, X18+ or R18+ should be prohibited to the general user. Teenagers are naturally inquisitive and much of this material should not be viewed by them as it has a bad influence on their attitudes and behaviour.

Your concerned parent,

Jenny Hunt