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Q1:

The ALRC should focus on developing a new framework, as the current framework is vastly inadequate for modern Australia's population. Self-classification, where publishers classify material themselves based on common criteria, should be used unless a complaint arises.

Q2:

To function of a national classification should be as guidelines only; classification framework should not be used to restrict material to adults, rather separate laws should be used for material such as child pornography.

Q3:

Any form of media should be able to be classified, but again as a guideline only and not to restrict material.

Q4:

Items should only need classification if a publisher wishes to sell the material to those under 18 or wishes to have an R18+ rating to guide adults. Self-classification will mean the classification board will only be needed to classify material that has been the subject of a complaint.

Q5:

The potential impact of content should be used to determine the classification of content, however the 'impact' of content should not be enough to make it illegal for adults to access.

Q6:

No.

Q7:

Nothing should be classified for the purpose of 'restricting access' to adults, however if the publisher wishes to have their artwork classified for the purpose of consumer advice then this should be allowed.

Q8:

Music should be classified optionally if the publisher wishes to have guidelines for its consumers.

Q9:

It does not need to have legislation forcing this, but publishers would have to self-classify material they wished to sell to children.

Q10:

Yes. For example although adults should be able to access any material (excluding that which is already illegal for a good reason) in the privacy of their own home, a billboard wouldn't be expected to be carrying an R-rated image.

Q11:

Q12:

Access to content should NOT be restricted under the Classification Scheme. The RC category should be abolished, and currently RC items should be moved into a new 18+ category. Illegal

material (such as child pornography) should simply be 'illegal'.

Internet filtering, which is circumventable in seconds and only serves to create problems should NOT be used to 'control access' to illegal content. Nearly all content which is actually illegal in Australia (not just in the silly category of RC) is illegal everywhere, and a quick phonecall to the host or ISP where the material is located will result in a takedown every time. A filter is just throwing a blanket that can easily be bypassed over the material, takedowns will actually remove it.

Q13:

By proper parental supervision of Internet access, and a website with a list of free internet filters, such as OpenDNS and K9 Web Protection for parents to use.

Q14:

Sexually explicit magazines, and other such content (except child abuse) should not be 'controlled' for adults who wish to read, hear or see the content. Again, parental supervision is the only thing that will work in preventing children from accessing this.

Q15:

If publishers wish to sell content to children.

Q16:

Unless the material is illegal already, the only role should be as guidelines.

Q17:

Yes. Self-classification would be an ideal system to work under, and much more practical than the current arrangements, which are expensive and time-consuming for all involved parties.

Q18:

Any content, with a public appeals process to the Classification Board.

Q19:

Under a self-classification scheme, the government would not be required to pay for classification, except if complaints arose. In that case, the government should subsidize the complaint.

Q20:

The category of RC causes the most confusion as it is a grey area where it is unknown what is actually illegal and what is not. To remove this confusion, the RC category needs to be abolished.

Q21:

Two classification categories should replace RC: '18+ High Impact' for currently legal items in the RC category and 'Illegal' for content such as child abuse.

Q22:

By using the same classification guidelines for all content.

Q23:

Yes.

Q24:

Only illegal content such as child abuse should be prohibited, but as stated above, this should be done ONLY by taking down the content rather than filtering.

Q25:

No. As stated above, it should be replaced with an 18+ category, and an 'Illegal' category for material such as child abuse.

Q26:

The consensus requirement in order to change the code should be replaced by a simple majority of Attorneys-General agreeing with the changes to prevent situations where one Attorney-General with an agenda prevents the classification scheme being improved, such as when South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson was able to single-handedly prevent the introduction of an R18+ rating for video games.

Q27:

See Q26.

Q28:

Q29:

Again, the most important thing that can be done is removing the RC category, and therefore cleaning up the grey area of what is illegal and what is not.

Other comments: