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Q1:

A mix of both. There are aspects of the existing framework that make sense in terms of the current ratings, however the lack of an R18+ rating is something that needs to be amended.

Q2:

The scheme should allow for content of all kinds to be publicly available while ensuring that content does not end up in the wrong hands. It should provide guidelines to people (of all ages and situations) as to what is appropriate in terms of what they are looking for.

Q3:

No, I don't think so. Given that most content can be viewed or played across numerous technologies or devices, this would be sort of ridiculous to try and classify content on these grounds.

Q4:

No.

Q5:

Yes and yes.

Q6:

No, the size of the market should not have an affect on classification.

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Q8:

Not in the same way, no. Books don't currently have classifications and as such if they were to gain one, the system would need to be different. I also believe that this would place unnecessary boundaries and demands on authors.

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No.

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No, it shouldn't make a difference.

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Q12:

Online content is a tricky thing to try and control access to, simply entering in your date of birth into an online form is not complex enough to stop people from lying. Not sure what the most effective method would be.

Q13:

I think this is a matter of parental supervision and not something that authorities should be overly involved in. Better education about the issues, for both parents and children would be a good start.

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Simply on the packaging or opening credits should suffice.

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It should be industry regulated potentially with user input, not government regulated.

Q17:

Absolutely. The industries that make and design the content are often more in touch with the response they are going to get from their audiences than the government would be.

Q18:

All of it. As I said above, the industry themselves are going to be more aware of the social response than nearly anyone else, it makes sense to have industry bodies classify material than government bodies.

Q19:

A good example, and yes I think so. There is such a base of independent film and game makers out there and they need all the support that they can get. The government should have systems in place to support our local industry participants.

Q20:

I think they are clearly understood.

Q21:

Yes. An R18+ rating for video games needs to be introduced. The M/MA ratings could possibly be altered or merged because they are rather similar.

The R18+ rating is necessary as there is content out there that doesn't fit into our current rating system, content that does have a high demand and because it doesn't fit into a current rating, it is denied to the market.

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Yes, a national rating system makes more sense than separate and individual systems that vary between states and territories.

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Other comments:

An R18+ rating is not going to cause harm to our society. It will not create violent children. It will not necessarily mean that children of all ages will be running about playing violent video games. We currently have an over 18 rating for film, does that mean children of all ages are running around with adult movies that are inappropriate for children? No. Why? Because their parents have a duty of care to prevent this from happening.

A high percentage of gamers are over 18 and the majority, if not all of us, are capable of making informed choices about the content we wish to view and be a part of. Give us the choice. Give us the option to have these games to play. Don't just ban them because they are deemed unacceptable by the current ratings system. The current system is out of date and out of touch with current social standards and what a high percentage of the society wants. Don't be a nanny state, don't baby us.

We are well informed and capable adults who have the ability to not only make our own decisions. We have the ability and common sense to prevent our younger siblings and our children from content that is inappropriate for their age.

It is high time that the rating system caught up with the values of society, because isn't that what the law is supposed to embody?