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Q1:

Key elements of the existing framework should be improved upon. The ratings system should be standardised across all media types (including video games),

Q2:

It should provide the necessary information for individuals to make an informed choice on what they themselves or people under their care can watch/play etc. It should not be used as a mechanism to ban, censor or disallow the selling of movies, music, television shows, books or computer games. Everything should have a classification, nothing should be refused classification.

Q3:

No

Q4:

Yes

Q5:

No.

Q6: No

Q7:

Only to provide consumer advice, therefore people can make their own mind up on whether they want to see it or not. It should not be used to restrict people from seeing it.

Q8:

Yes

Q9:

No

Q10:

Q11: Q12:

Provide a free internet restriction program that people can download to use on their own computer system. Online content should not be restricted for everyone as people have a right to look at what they wish in the privacy of their own home.

Q13:

Provide a free internet restriction program that people can download to use on their own computer system. Also have an advertising campaign to teach parents how to control their child's online viewing. Parents are ultimately responsible for their own children.

Q14:

Implement a similar system to cigarettes making it clear that vendors need to confirm the age of their customers who are buying the material.

Q15:

When the content requires a rating that would not be appropriate for children. At that time it is only to inform people.

Q16:

Government agencies alone should be making decisions on the ratings of content. Again they need to classify all content and not be allowed to refuse classification on anything. Industry bodies and users should be allowed to make complaints if they believe content is incorrectly classified, but all complaints should be treated equally.

Q17:

It could be depending on the system.

Q18:

Q19:

Q20:

I believe the classification categories are clear and understood. If people claim they are not it is because they cannot be bothered to take the time to learn them.

Q21:

There is no need for new classification categories. However the same system should be applied to all content including have an R rating for computer games.

Q22:

Yes

Q23:

Q24:

No access to any online content should be prohibited entirely. Adults in this country should have to right to watch/look at what they wish in the privacy of their own home provided it does not infringe any criminal laws.

Q25:

No. No content in Australia should be refused classification. Everything should be classified so adults can make an informed decision on what to enjoy. The classification system should be used to classify content, not effectively ban or censor it.

Q26:

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Q29:

Other comments:

I am a tax paying adult Australian and I should be allowed to view what content I wish (provided it is considered to be legal in the country). This includes playing what computer games I want. I find the idea of refusing content classification (effectively banning it in the country) to be astounding considering we live in what is meant to be a free society. Ultimately the classification system should only be used to allow people to make an informed decision regarding their purchases, it should not restrict the choice. If parents are worried what content their children are consuming, they should take a greater role in monitoring them.

Also the system needs to be changed so influential people cannot have such a large effect on the country as a whole. Whether it be an Attorney General who wishes to force his moral judgement on a whole country or individuals whispering into the ears of politicians, no single person should ever have enough power alone to effect everyone. That's the point of a democracy, everyone has to make the decision, not just individuals. The system in it's current state makes Australia a laughing stock across the world and promotes the idea that Australia isn't as free as everyone believes.