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Re: National Classification Scheme Review

Sirs

Here are my answers to questions in your list of 29 in regard to this particular review:

Question 2:

1. To make sure that the classification accurately reflects Australian community standards.
2. To provide the Australian public and, in particular, Australian parents, with accurate information about the classified material.
3. To protect Australian children from access and exposure to unsuitable and harmful material.
4. To stop material that violates community standards or is harmful to the wellbeing of the Australian community from being distributed in Australia.

Question 3:

No.

Question 4:

No.

Question 5:

Yes. Yes.

Question 6:

No.

Question 7:

Any artwork that depicts children in an exploitive or offensive fashion, including all sexualised depictions of children, should be outright refused classification, whatever its alleged artistic merit.

Question 8:

Yes.

Question 9:

No.

Question 10:

No.

Question 12:

There should be mandatory filtering of internet content at the ISP level in order to exclude all material that would be classified RC, X18+ or R18+.

Question 13:

This matter will be adequately covered if Questions 3 – 10 inclusive are dealt with as answered above.

Question 14:

All publications classified as *Restricted* [R] should be allowed to be sold only in an enclosed area where children are *not* allowed to enter.

Question 21:

The present classification categories should continue, apart from the X18+ category for films, which should be abolished. Films that contain explicit depictions of sex acts should be refused classification. For they exploit and demean women and, in the second place, have been implicated in the sexual abuse and premature sexualisation of children.

Question 24:

The general online user should be refused access to any material that would be classified RC, X18+ or R18+.

Question 29:

It would be beneficial if the framers of the framework were to give express recognition of the transcendent dimension impinging on human life and society and, in particular, on human life and society in Australia. For that might help restore to the nation of Australia the soul that has been progressively leached from our consciousness. If the latter occurs, it will reduce the need for more and more national and state laws to be formulated, passed and enacted in an effort to hold our society in check.

Thanks you for considering my opinions.

Yours sincerely

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