

## Kids Free 2B Kids response to ALRC discussion paper on Classification.

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In brief:

We note the ALRC has recommended combining both Cat 1 and Cat 2 publications into one category.

KF2BK supports this concept - if the magazines are restricted to Adult only venues.

We do not support a system that allows a merger of Cat 1 and Cat 2 to be sold in the public arena.

As already commented on in our previous submission (and noted by the ALRC) there are many problems concerning the sale and display of category 1 publications including the lack of enforcement of call in notices.

We note that the state and territory police do not have a history of enforcing offences in this area - and question the accuracy of the statement in 14.33.

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*14.33 ... It is questionable, however, whether the AFP would choose to place any higher priority on enforcement activity in relation to more minor offences, such as the prohibited sale or display of R 18+ or X 18+ magazines or DVDs, **than state and territory police currently do.***

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Perhaps they are 'supposed to' but they currently don't!

Many Cat 1 magazines currently sold in the public space are unclassified and 'should' be in Cat 2 or RC. If the 2 categories are merged and allowed to be sold in the public arena - it will mean a green light for more explicit pornographic images and content on the shelves of stores that children frequent. (Milk bars, newsagents, petrol stations, 7 Eleven)

Moving all Cat 1 (and consequently unclassified, Cat 2 & RC) content from the general public to Adult only venues will remove it from children's access and view and continue to make it available to the adults who want it . It would make policing of illegal content, compliance and enforcement easier.