

I endorse the expansion of classification guidelines to include other forms of media including online publications, games, etc.

I particularly wish to see a strengthening of classification ratings and enforcement. As a parent of 5 children, I have found classification guidelines to be alarmingly lax. Perhaps there needs to be a greater range of classifications, so that parents can more adequately and accurately use rating codes to determine their suitability for children (and themselves).

I particularly wish to see a strengthening of guidelines around pornography. As our society has altered its sexual norms, there has been a parallel tolerance to pornography generally and sexual images in public spaces. Whilst women (and men, also) should be able to feel good about their naked bodies, and whilst consensual sex can be a beautiful thing, children, in particular, should not be subject to these images in movies, books, websites, games, social media and advertising, etc. There is ample research now to show the damage that is done to children from viewing sexualised images. If pornography continues to exist (though I wish it didn't at all) we must do better at classifying materials of all types so that children are not deliberately or accidentally exposed to inappropriate images or verbal descriptions. Though it occurred in the 70s, I still remember the impact on me, as a primary school child with an advanced reading age, reading a story in a magazine designed for teen girls. Such literature should not have been allowed, then or now, in materials created for children. Now children are subject to much worse and we must do more to make pornographic and sexualised images and scripts prohibited in media of any type that children can access, from billboards to movies to online games to library books.