Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet Submission 19

- 1. Internet pornography use by children is strongly associated with risky sexual behaviour leading to increased risk of sexually transmitted disease and unwanted pregnancies
- 2. Internet pornography use by children has adverse effects on psychological development, particularly on self-esteem, body image, and the understanding of relationships.
- 3. Internet pornography use by children is associated with child sexual victimization towards younger or more vulnerable child peers
- 4. Internet pornography use by children interferes with normal development by causing addictive behaviours to the exclusion of other activities.

In response:

- 1. Mandatory internet filtering
- 2. No access to personal internet (eg smart phones) in institutions providing services for children (eg schools)
- 3. Adults entrusted with the care of children, eg schools, require training to recognise and manage child on child sexual assault
- 4. Increased education for parents about the serious and long term adverse effects of pornography on children.