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Regarding the following matter which has been referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in December 2016:

Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet, with particular reference to:

- A. Trends of online consumption of pornography by children and their impact on the development of healthy and respectful relationships;
- B. Current methods taken towards harm minimisation in other jurisdictions, and the effectiveness of those methods;
- C. The identification of any measures with the potential for implementation in Australia; and
- D. Any other related matters.

A. Consumption Trends and Social Impacts (The Problems)

1. *Sexuality is being abused* as a seduction incentive to manipulate audience emotions on unrelated issues, products or services. Children and thus adults grow up with the idea that sex is a primary motivator for almost every aspect of life. This results in dysfunctional sexual attitudes (e.g. sex for power) and/or harmful sexual practices (e.g. plethora of behaviours which cause direct injury to sex organs or result in serious or severe illnesses), gender confusion, homosexuality, broken families and debilitated general life function. The problems of sexuality have been escalating for 100 years, but are now a severe concern. Pornography has been an enormous contributor to these problems. The increase in social problems has closely followed the increases in technological access, and permissive social attitudes have subsequently snow-balled since WW2.
2. *Psychologists, authors, artists, game developers and teachers* who are themselves debilitated by their own dysfunctional obsession with sexuality (e.g. Freud) are misleading their clients and customers towards harmful sexual attitudes and actions; including legislators who have believed or succumbed to the popular 'opinion' lies; e.g. believing that pornography is beneficial.
3. *Public dress standards* are pornographic; especially beaches and swimming pools. Some women are negatively affected by this exposure, but most men are affected and are thus effectively subjected to constant

sexual arousal stimulus unless they walk around looking at the ground or the sky. Weak-minded women (especially vulnerable pubescent girls) have been persuaded to believe it is reasonable for them to dress like prostitutes in public, yet also believe that it is wrong for men to be sexually provoked by such behaviour.

4. *Human models* for pornographic photography & film are victims of sexual exploitation; includes men, women and even children.
5. *Product catalogues* and *shop merchandising* for underwear are so public that these forms of pornography are extremely difficult to avoid. Catalogues are delivered to all households, and shopping centre merchandising is explicitly designed to attract the attention of any who pass by, so children are easily exposed to these invasive forms of pornography. Again, it is arrogant and foolish for women to believe that men will not be sexually provoked by these practices; including men who are frustrated that they have to avert their eyes all the time.
6. *Public billboards* – including official government-sponsored notices – present explicit sexual content and/or appeal to sexual innuendo as the primary theme of the message.
7. *Film, television & radio* standards have increasingly been watered down to the point where prime-time television advertisements (commercial or program alerts) include explicitly sexual content and imagery. It is now impossible to watch or listen to public media without being exposed to various forms of pornographic content.
8. *MMORPGs* (massively multi-player online role play games) often contain explicit pornographic content and inappropriate sexual education. Officially, children are usually denied permission to participate in MMORPG, but it is a well-known fact amongst gamers that they do anyway. Filtering is almost impossible for MMORPG providers, ISPs or parents, and children are often more internet-savvy than parents. Many parents don't even care anyway, and some parents actively support their child's participation.
9. **The internet is effectively a policy void which has rendered all other censorship laws meaningless.** Any and all forms of pornography can be accessed. Invasive advertising and pop-ups often present pornographic content and/or advertise unsolicited real-life sexual services. Intermediate or higher internet skills, and significant time wastage are required to block these automated features.
10. The problems of pornography permeate through all forms of media in Australia, including song lyrics, radio humour and advertising. I have a current, unresolved submission to the ABC which has escalated to ACMA regarding the inappropriateness of their content in many areas, but pornography (includes *all* sexual content) was one of my major concerns.

2. Create *effective filters* for all pornographic internet content.
3. Create a new *media classification system* applied to all media: internet, games, film, TV, radio, print, shops, public dress codes, etc.
 - All content previously rated as X, R, M15+, or M is illegal to produce or distribute in any form.
 - The criteria currently listed as PG-rated is re-labelled as Adult, and this new Adult rating is applied to *all* public news media; i.e. no classification exemption for news media.
 - The criteria currently listed as G-rated is re-labelled as Childhood (ages 5-15). Provide dedicated Childhood-rated public media channels.
 - A new Infant rating (ages 0-5) criteria which only permits procedural and environmental instruction content with zero nudity, drug use, coarse language, sex, violence or philosophical themes. Provide dedicated Infant-rated public media channels.
4. Promote public *modesty* in fashion; *not* muslim extremism, nor 'Victorian' era gloom and suffocation.

D. Related Matters

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