

Dear Senators,

I call on the committee enquiring into the harm done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet to recommend legislation for mandatory filtering at the ISP level, just as British Prime Minister, David Cameron, is doing in the UK

(<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11745550/David-Camerons-bid-to-protect-children-from-pornography-could-be-scuppered-by-EU-laws-on-internet-neutrality.html>).

The problem of children's access to pornography is exacerbated because large numbers of children nowadays, even in primary schools, have access to internet enabled mobile phones. Many parents install their own filters, but these can be circumvented by determined children, and even if only a small number of children retain access to pornography on their mobile phones, they can still show it to their friends. It is therefore nearly impossible for parents to protect their children from this ungodly temptation to lust that later becomes the seed for destructive attitudes and behaviours, which adversely affect the families of those exposed (<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/how-porn-is-wrecking-relationships/2007/05/25/1179601669144.html?page=fullpage>).

Jesus said 'woe to the world for temptations to sin. For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes.' I pray that the committee would take this to heart and address this problem by recommending legislation to require all ISPs to block porn. Adults may switch the filter off if they want, but many children would be protected by this action.

Yours sincerely,