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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

**Re: Inquiry into the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games)
Amendment (R18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012**

Telstra supports this bill for the reasons outlined in our February 2010 submission to the Attorney-General's Department inquiry on this matter.

In summary, we believe an R18+ classification for computer games is beneficial because it will:

- align the classification regimes for games and films;
- assist parents to choose age-appropriate material for their children; and
- reduce the incentives for adults to source unregulated games directly from overseas.

Introduction of the new classification will be the more effective if accompanied by community education.

Yours sincerely,

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