Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet Submission 150

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Over the period of my life, and I am 74 years old, I have seen that the media has abused our women. When I was young women shown to lower their necklines and raise their hem lines giving greater vision of their sexual nature to men. Men have a great sexual urge that is heightened by seeing women's breasts. Today this is a common sight on bill boards and newspapers and in the media in general.

Over the last few years there has been an increasing number of sex crimes against women and I believe it must have a starting point in the Lives of the perpetrators. Censorship laws have been relaxed over these years and now we are "Seeing it all", and that includes our children.

Today with the increased use of tablets and mobile phones our children have so much more easy access to the Internet and with it any offensive material available to them. Many of our children are doing this at school or on their way homes in little groups. When viewed, most of the sexual viewing is looking at women in inappropriate clothing. This I believe is the starting point of porn. Our women are being devalued and so are looked at with a sense of" She is an object to be used" and so I believe that this is the starting point of abuse and crime against our own bodies, that is men and women.

I was one who in my early life saw some "Playboy" magazines and since then have had an appetite to see women in low cut dress. This is an issue that I have, in the most, dealt with as I have a very wonderful wife who has been very fulfilling to me over my married life.

I want to take this opportunity in asking you to rethink our censorship laws. This is in the area of Internet and film and media. Please don't allow children to view porn any longer by taking it off of the Internet. Make laws to prevent this in the future for my children and grand children and great grand children.

Thank you for listening to a concerned great grand parent who is thinking of "what will my great grand children be able to see and be taught" in days ahead?

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Sent from my iPad