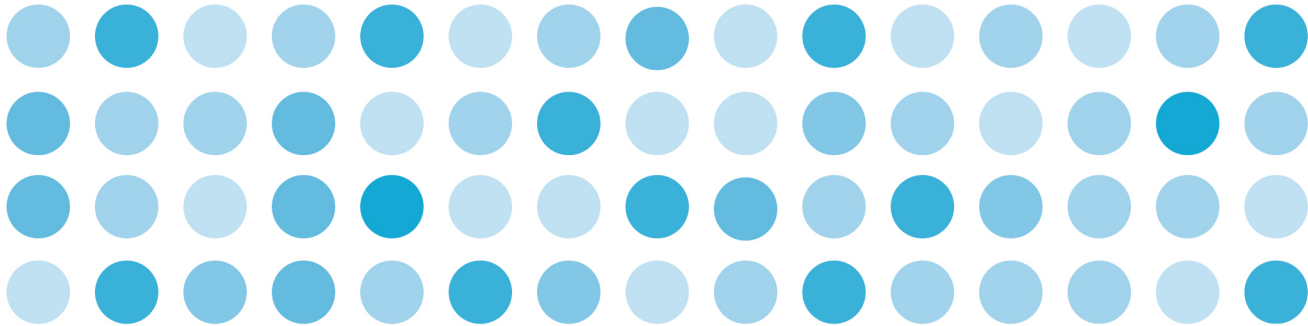


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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Censorship_in_Australia#The_Internet

If a complaint is issued about material on the Internet, the ACMA is empowered to examine the material under the guidelines for film and video.

If it is found that a) the material would be classified R18+ or X18+, and the site does not have an adult verification system, or b) the material would be **refused classification**:

If the site is hosted in Australia, the ACMA is empowered to issue a "takedown notice" under which the material must be removed from the site.

If the site is hosted outside Australia, the site is added to a list of banned sites.

“Refused Classification (RC) content is defined under the National Classification Scheme. Such material includes child sexual abuse imagery, bestiality, sexual violence, **detailed instruction in crime, violence or drug use** and/or material that advocates the doing of a terrorist act.”

“... promote, incite or instruct
in matters of crime or
violence ...”

Section 3(1)(c) - Films, National Classification Code, Cth Classification Act

“... depict, express or otherwise deal with matters of sex, **drug misuse or addiction**, crime, cruelty, violence or revolting or abhorrent phenomena in such a way that they offend against the standards of morality, decency and propriety generally accepted by reasonable adults to the extent that they should not be classified ...”

The Minister has recently asked the Minister for Home Affairs to initiate a review of Refused Classification, in cooperation with State and Territory Ministers. The review will examine the current scope of the existing RC classification, and whether it adequately reflects community standards.

“The legislation will ultimately reflect the outcome of that review ... for people to say it definitely won't be passed — the legislation hasn't been drafted, and that review hasn't taken place yet.”

Communications Minister Stephen Conroy on "Q&A" ABC 27/09/2010

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