

99% of adult websites qualify to be blacklisted

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I have just started reading the Enex report into mandatory filtering and my blood is already starting to boil. I will try not to vent and here are my very initial thoughts.

Almost all adult films that are classified as X in Australia require an edit.

In the past 4 weeks Customs have seized hundred's of film titles depicting female ejaculation on the grounds that they would be refused classification.

Every site that features content from these films is potentially refused classification and qualifies to be blacklisted

Now how will they decide which of the millions of adult sites out there that might feature a consenting fetish should be blacklisted? The Enex report tested the existing blacklist that contains about 1,000 sites. That is totally unrealistic

The X guidelines are below. Anything that does not fit these strict guidelines is Refused Classification and therefore should be blacklisted and blocked. I believe that possible 1-2% of

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adult websites would comply with the X rating the rest would be classified as RC and therefore should be on the government's black list. We are not talking thousands we talking millions and if you only block a handful what is the point?

The report states "Telstra reported that heavy traffic sites could overload its trial filtering solution if included in the filtering blacklist. This is also the case for all filters presented in the pilot. "

Well the biggest adult sites such as the tube sites, that definitely feature content that would be RC, see millions of visitors daily. How will the "filtering solutions" deal with them?

This is not about sexual violent websites or child porn. Every US and European site featuring legal consenting sexual activity has content that would breach the X rating and would be classified as RC.

Australian guidelines for X

This classification is a special and legally restricted category which contains only sexually explicit material. That is material which contains real depictions of actual sexual intercourse and other sexual activity between consenting adults.

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No depiction of violence, sexual violence, sexualised violence or coercion is allowed in the category. It does not allow sexually assaultive language. Nor does it allow consensual depictions which purposefully demean anyone involved in that activity for the enjoyment of viewers.

Fetishes are not permitted.

As the category is restricted to activity between consenting adults, it does not permit any depictions of non-adult persons, including those aged 16 or 17, nor of adult persons who look like they are under 18 years. Nor does it permit persons 18 years of age or over to be portrayed as minors.