

The first rule of internet censorship

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It seems that for the office of the Minister of Communication, Senator Stephen Conroy, that the first rule of internet censorship is that you don't talk about internet censorship. The minister's own website has filtered out references to "ISP Filtering", a more technical reference to the current Australian Government plans to censor the internet. This comes on top of further examples of bungling and worrying developments in Australian censorship recently. Barely a year ago ACMA, the controlling Authority, issued a take-down demand to an Australian internet provider about a web page that listed blacklisted material. Then the OFLC decided that small breasts could be mistaken as children's breasts by adults roving for porn so better ban them. Then they decided that images of female ejaculation were in fact a form of golden showers and better ban that as well. Then Senator Conroy banned access to Sex Party website for people working in his department.

The actions of Senator Conroy, his department, and the Australian Government are putting us on par with North Korea for censorship. With a federal election coming in the next fourteen months, we have a chance to really voice our opinions - support the Australian Sex Party to help fight what is being forced upon us.

<http://www.news.com.au/technology/conroys-website-removes-references-to-filter/story-e6frfro0-1225834474153>