

**Submission to the inquiry: the Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet.**

I received my first laptop when I was in grade 5 . It didn't take me long to start exploring pornography. As a young man I remember it didn't take me long to find what I was looking for. Any naked woman was more than enough to excite me. There was never any desire to delve deeper into darker kinds of pornography. There was plenty of "lesbians" and solo female masturbators to watch.

As mentioned earlier, I went to a private school and lived in the country. I always had better access to the internet at school than I did at home. As such, I found myself finding and downloading pornography a school to take home and enjoy. The school had firewalls and blocked sites. But even as a n00b with almost zero experience with computers I was able to get around such blocks surprisingly easily.

If parents want to stop their children watching pornography, that is their responsibility. Not the governments.

The government should see to it that children are educated enough to make healthy choices about the pornography they watch and to know how realistic and/ or safe and/ or ethical the pornography that they are inevitably going to find really is.

Thanks