



Advisory report into the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012 tabled today

The Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012 was referred to the House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee on 16 February for inquiry. Today the Committee tabled its advisory report in Parliament, recommending that the bill be passed.

The bill proposes to introduce an R18+ category for computer games in line with current classification categories for films. The Committee noted that extensive public consultation has been undertaken by both the Australian Law Reform Commission and the Attorney-General's Department, and that the evidence demonstrated overwhelming support for the introduction of an R18+ category for computer games.

The Committee Chair, Graham Perrett MP, said that “the Committee considers that the bill aims to make a common-sense change to the existing classification system for computer games, and is pleased to present this advisory report in favour of the bill.”

To view the report, visit the inquiry website at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill_gaming/index.htm.

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