

## **A Question for a NON-PEER REVIEWED article in VIEWPOINT**

**Topic:** ISP Filtering

**Length:** 2500-3000 (not including references)

### **Question**

The Federal ALP Policy of mandatory ISP filtering of refused classification (RC) content is attracting significant domestic and global attention.

The issue is being strongly opposed by various ISPs and internet groups.

Do you think the policy of mandatory ISP filtering of RC material is a good/bad idea? Why/why not?

Do you agree/disagree with the general principle that the internet should be brought into line with the existing classification regime in Australia that already applies to literature and films?

There is a lot of conflicting and confusing information in the public domain about the following:

- Will the technology work effectively?
- Will it excessively slow down the internet?
- Will the filter be easy to circumvent?
- Will the processes to censor information be accountable?
- Will a government be able to arbitrarily censor political material?
- Will it be expensive to set up and maintain?

Could you please answer these questions above (plus any others you think appropriate to support your viewpoint) with facts, figures and analysis (including references) so that an intelligent layperson can make an informed decision about this issue in the lead up to the next Federal election.