



A Child Rights Perspective
on the Federal Govt's Internet Filtering Proposal

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Save the Children

Save the Children works for:

- A world which respects and values each child
- A world which listens and learns
- A world where all children have hope and opportunity
- A world where children are protected from violence, abuse and exploitation



Save the Children recommends:

- Facilitate international multi agency co-operation to combat the problem of child sexual exploitation on the Internet at international, national and local levels.
- Improve international law and national child protection systems with respect to the complex multi jurisdictional nature of Internet crime and abuse against children and
- Challenge societal denial, minimisation and myths about the sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

The legal basis for child protection in Australia

- Eight different child protection systems providing similar services
- Focus on 'tertiary child protection'
- Internet crimes dealt with by State / Fed criminal legal systems not child protection systems

The use of Internet filtering for child protection

- Internet filtering not effective for child protection
- Empowering children to be safe on the internet is the only sustainable solution

Options for protecting children's interests and rights

- allocate adequate resources to campaigns, targeting and including, children and adults, to raise awareness on how to be safe on-line and boost policing resources to detect and prosecute internet offenders.



Thank you

