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NSW GIVES IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT TO R18+ GAME RATING

The NSW Government has given its formal support for the introduction of an R18+ classification for computer games, Attorney General Greg Smith SC said today.

Mr Smith said after a meeting of Federal and State Attorneys General in Adelaide that he expected NSW would join the agreement.

Cabinet has now given its “in-principle” support for the introduction of the R18+ rating.

“Few people would dispute the value of a classification system that helps keep adult material beyond the reach of children,” Mr Smith said.

“With strong classification guidelines in place, an R18+ rating should result in violent games currently rated MA15+ in Australia being reclassified as adults-only, as they already are in many other countries. ”

Mr Smith said he would work with other Attorneys General on draft national guidelines that have been developed for a new ratings system. It would be important, he said, to ensure any proposal was in line with Federal and State Ministers’ agreement to not dilute Australia’s Refused Classification category.