



Liberal Democratic Party

# OPPOSE CENSORSHIP

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The government wants to censor the internet and control the flow of information.

But freedom of speech is central to a free, democratic society as it allows people to challenge authority and express their personal opinions.

The importance of free speech is not diminished by the fact that some speech is wrong or mean. The best response to bad ideas is to put them under the scrutiny that can only exist in a free and open battle of ideas. Truth has nothing to fear from free speech, and neither does Australia.

The LDP supports free speech and is opposed to government censorship of books, videos, games and the internet.

## The Liberal Democratic Party:

- Opposes any non-voluntary internet filtering or censorship.
- Believes no film, book or game should ever be banned outright except in cases where its making involved the commission of a crime, such as abuse of children.
- Supports legalising the sale of X-rated pornography.
- Supports the introduction of an R-rating and X-rating for video games, thus legalising games that have previously been banned.
- Supports a review of current film and game classification criteria, taking a rational rather than morality driven approach to classification.



## About the LDP

The Liberal Democratic Party strongly believes in free speech and opposes any move by government to restrict it. The LDP is based on classical liberal (libertarian) principles and supports individual freedom, small government and personal responsibility.

The LDP has been registered as a political party in the ACT since 2001 and federally since 2007. It is not part of, nor affiliated with, any other political party.

## Help reclaim freedom

Join the LDP. Membership is free for non-voting members; \$70 (\$35 concession) for voting members.

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*We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavouring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still. - John Stuart Mill*