

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY

Position:

- FAMILY FIRST believes we should be doing everything possible to ban Internet Pornography and protect our children from this vile material;
- FAMILY FIRST believes Internet Pornography is a huge community concern. Parents want a safe internet environment for their kids yet feel powerless because we cannot be watching over their shoulders all the time to monitor what they are seeing;
- FAMILY FIRST supports the Government's National Filter Scheme but is disappointed the Government has failed to deliver mandatory filtering at the Internet Service Provider (ISP) level;
- FAMILY FIRST supports providing free filter software for public libraries but is concerned because libraries do not have to install it.

Actions:

- FAMILY FIRST has long been calling for mandatory filtering at the ISP level. It is only by mandatory filtering at the ISP level that we can help protect all children from exposure to pornography;
- FAMILY FIRST believes that, as a first step, we should filter the worst sites at the ISP level because that also sends a message to industry that it has a role in helping to protect our kids. FAMILY FIRST proposes a system that allows adults who want pornography to 'opt in' and access it;
- FAMILY FIRST calls on the Federal Government to take tougher action against the States and Territories to have filters installed in public libraries.