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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF HARMFUL PORNOGRAPHY
ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH**

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I have been married twice and both my marriages were negatively affected by pornography. In my first marriage as the time my then husband spent watching pornographic material increased, when I was having my second baby, my first husband lost interest in me and I later found out he began looking for sexual adventures outside our marriage. He also began to sleep next to the TV where he watched the tapes. At first he was ashamed, but then he wanted me to watch them, (I didn't) and began to leave the video tapes around where my young children had access to them. At this point I had to ask him to leave to protect my children. The way he treated me was affected by pornography and he did not treat me with the respect I deserved.

My second husband's treatment of me also deteriorated when he began watching pornography on the computer. His general behaviour deteriorated. He treated me more like an object in bed. He did not care about me or my needs. He snuck away at night to watch pornography at work until his boss found out. He also began to be furtive in his general behaviour. My 2 marriages did not survive, in a large part due to increased pornography. They also became more negative in general as well as with me. I have trust issues now.

At school my daughters were subjected to far more sexual harassment than I was.

I believe children should have their computers linked to a monitored site for schools children (and locked out of dubious and pornography sites). Perhaps their computer time should also be limited to a number of hours a day or week as too much time on computers affects brain connections.

Children need education about the differences between pornographic depictions of sex and real women expectations. I saw a TV documentary about a school program for teaching children the difference years ago happening in the UK. I think the program was for children about 15 - 16yrs old.

I believe that sexual harassment in schools should not be tolerated. This level of abuse needs to be addressed while children are young.

The school culture needs to change so all children including girls and female teachers can feel safe.

Biological boys should not be in female toilet areas or biological men in female change rooms. This has happened to me (man in female toilets). I was intimidated and felt very unsafe. Also unisex toilets could be provided for some, but females should not have to use public toilets that men have used. Women can be messy but men leave toilets in a disgusting state. eg. at Mooney mooney. I hate using public toilets but at least women can often leave them relatively clean.