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

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Dear Ms Kaine

I am a retired professional counsellor. I reside in South Australia, however I feel I should put this information forward.

Some of the harmful effects of pornography are obvious, however I want to highlight an effect that doesn't get mentioned very much.

If a young male has an interest in a female, and wants to pursue a relationship with her, she will expect him to give non-sexual intimacy to develop the relationship. In short, he has to give something to get the relationship he wants.

Pornography makes no such requirement of a user, it is freely given. It teaches the male that he can have his sexual desire met without giving anything. That pollutes his concept of a relationship, and can render him unable to give intimacy in a proper relationship, he will expect a female to freely give him what he wants.

Thank you for considering this.

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