

Anti-porn step raises doubts

The B.C. government's plan to restrict the sale and rental of pornographic videos will not solve the problem of child pornography, an Ontario art festival administrator says.

"I'm not persuaded that this kind of legislation will work. It assumes the state will act only against the makers of kiddie porn," said Susan Ditta, assistant director of the Multi-Media Festival of Working People and the Arts.

Attorney-General Brian Smith is holding meetings throughout the province on the issue. Smith said he will ban the most offensive types of pornographic videos and set up a classification system for the others.

Ditta, speaking at the B.C. Civil Liberties Association's annual general meeting Thursday, said the government should instead enforce child labor laws and prevent children from performing in the



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videos.

"This legislation does not stop the making of these videos, it only pushes it underground," she said.

Ditta criticized libertarians for not taking a "serious" approach to the problem of pornography, saying that only men seem to have the right to free speech.

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