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Criticism prompts museum to raise age of admission for sex exhibit

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OTTAWA - Canada's Science and Technology Museum has abruptly raised the age limit for a controversial sex exhibit amid calls to have the exhibit shut down.

The move follows concerns raised by Heritage Minister James Moore's office and dozens of complaints about the exhibit called "Sex: A Tell-All Exhibition."

Museum official Yves St-Onge told the Huffington Post that management raised the age limit for unaccompanied children after receiving more complaints than expected.

An animated video informing children about masturbation was also removed.

Moore's spokesman, James Maunder, says the purpose of the Museum of Science and Technology is to foster scientific and technological literacy.

He told Huffington Post the exhibit does not fit that mandate, adding the content cannot be defended and is "insulting to taxpayers."

The Institute for Marriage and Family Canada, which visited the show last week, believes the "erotic and titillating" exhibit doesn't belong in a museum.

Dave Quist, the institute's director, said the exhibit approves and promotes anal sex, multiple partners and sex without emotional and marital commitment.