

Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am appalled by the idea that a Bill is being tabled to fully decriminalize prostitution in Queensland. Research and evidence shows that this is the worst possible thing to do. Women and children will not be safe from predators and pimps. It will facilitate grooming of children and perpetuate objectification of women. STI's in children are already increasing at an alarming rate. The Attorney General's claim that women will now be protected from the violence associated with the sex industry is baseless. The reality is much different. Twenty-three years after Germany fully legalised prostitution, the 'brothel of Europe', as they are known, is considering a ban on prostitution. "Germany's experience shows that we can't appease pimps, crime bosses, drug dealers, and people traffickers by legalising their racket. We certainly don't want Queensland to become 'the brothel of Australia'". Housing affordability, and cost of living crisis, together with decriminalising the sex industry sets up the perfect storm for youth exploitation and crime to explode in Queensland." I call on Queensland MPs to consider young people's futures and reject the Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill in its entirety. Regards