

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

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### Submitter Comments:

When I heard that this legislation was being proposed for Queensland, I was most ashamed for those who were proposing it. This legislation might seem to make life easier for police and courts, but the follow-on effects would be devastating for both police and the courts, AND for the people of Queensland. Those who are proposing these changes haven't thought ahead and haven't learnt lessons from other countries that have gone down this track. Decriminalizing sex work would only drag our society further down. Treating sex work as a legitimate career would magnify all the current negative effects of prostitution without supplying any positives. For example: The need for medical treatment would rise from: increase of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS increased vulnerability to bodily harm and even killings increased use of drugs to dull the emotional and mental effects of prostitution increase misogyny and further demean women increased need for treatment for unwanted pregnancy. These are just a few examples of what would put further strain on Queensland's already stretched health system. Decriminalizing sex work would also enable solicitation in public places, something the majority of Queenslanders do NOT want. We know that prostitution takes place, but better to have a veneer of civilization than no veneer at all. There has been a hue and cry regarding pedophiles and human traffickers in the past half a century. Decriminalizing sex work would only make it easier for pedophiles and human traffickers because this legislation is the thin edge of the wedge designed to bring degradation to our society and reduce protection for vulnerable people, like women and children. Please don't pass this bill in Queensland. I plead this on behalf of the people of Queensland and all other people in Australia.