

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

The full decriminalisation of prostitution would, I believe, have a negative impact on our society, and thus this bill should be rejected. The commercialisation of sex must lead to the commodification of women. This move would increase the enslavement of women, not their freedom. In particular, those women who are under some form of financial pressure would be most vulnerable. The prostitution industry is already fraught with much 'underworld' influence, and this would only increase. Organised crime needs to be combated, not abetted. Another consequence of such a bill would be the acceleration of STI's, which would be counterproductive in a state that wants health to be a priority. Society would be undermined as the family unit would come under increasing attack. The nuclear family is societies building block, and increased availability and ease of procurement of sexual services would be detrimental to the traditional monogamous relationships that have served our country so well historically. Faithful wives would be subject to unfair pressure to compare and perform with younger 'professionals'. As relationships break under the strain of 'cheating', children must also suffer as parents behave badly, resulting in emotional harm. Let us learn the lessons of Germany, Holland, Sweden and other countries, whose liberal policies have led to great societal damage, and who are now making moves to ban prostitution. Let's save ourselves and our children much pain.