

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

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed “Legalization of Prostitution bill”, and ask you as my elected representative to oppose the bill.

Prostitution is known as the oldest profession in the world. It is unlikely we will ever eliminate the practice from our community, but encouraging the practice (which will be the result of legalizing it) cannot promote a healthy society. Prostitution degrades the individual and is downright dangerous. To argue that legalizing it removes the risk is ridiculous. Statistics show that where prostitution is rife; organized crime, sex trafficking, abuse, poverty and violence also abound.

As evidence see [Prostitution and the Mafia: The Involvement of Organized Crime in the Global Sex Trade | Office of Justice Programs \(ojp.gov\)](#)

Further evidence may be seen in the murders of Michaela Dunn, Kimberley McRae, Ting Fang and Jingai Zhang in Australia.

The Nordic model which recognises prostitution as a form of violence against women is more preferable. This approach incorporates public education programs discouraging the purchase of sex, as well as comprehensive exit programs, and social and economic support to assist prostituted persons to leave the industry.

I respectfully ask you to vote against the legalization of prostitution and argue for adoption of the Nordic model.

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