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

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I am writing to support the Decriminalising Sex Work Bill.

As a travelling sex worker, I have worked in North Queensland towns such as Townsville and Cairns as well Brisbane and Gold Coast. Every time I come to Queensland it becomes a particularly stressful experience because I must take into account all sorts of additional restrictions around my work. Specifically, I cannot properly advertise what services I can provide which can create a lot of confusion with clients and them getting really upset about me not doing certain things. I am pleased that the advertising restrictions will no longer be in effect in Queensland and instead I will just have to comply with national Ad standards like I do in every other state. I am particularly worried about police working undercover when all I am doing is providing a consensual service. I support the repeal of Chapter 22A of the Criminal Code. For safety reasons I would really appreciate being able to work with a friend, but now it is illegal, and I would have to break the law to have a friend with me who keeps an eye on me and keeps me safe from dangerous clients. Our community has been waiting so long and we are vulnerable until the commencement date of this law. Please make this law happen sooner rather than later. My safety depends on it.

I am happy for my submission to be published by the committee.



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