

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

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**SUBMISSION**  
**Inquiry into Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work)**  
**and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024**

Dear Committee Secretariat,

Thank you for accepting submissions to the inquiry regarding Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

Please find attached my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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In this submission I would like to highlight the concerns that I have.

Decriminalising prostitution and transferring regulatory responsibility to the Queensland Government will:

- Put vulnerable and disadvantaged women and children at greater risk of sexual exploitation, coercion and abuse.
- Increase the risks of robbery, violence and killing with isolated home visits.
- Directly increase sex trafficking and criminal activity. Statistics prove that the only winners in full decriminalization are those profiteering from vulnerable women, children and some men. Sex trafficking directly increases with full decriminalisation, as does criminal activity. Nordic (or Equality Model) reduces both these statistics.
- Objectify women and children as commodities to be bought and sold (not valued as individuals of worth) and magnify power imbalances where individuals are caught in the trap of sexual exploitation due to poverty, coercion or force. This is particularly of concern due to the current economic climate.

My heart breaks for those who will suffer as a result, if this Bill is passed!

I have heard many first hand accounts of the unbelievable suffering experienced by those trapped in this terrible industry – they cry out for the Nordic (or Equality) Model which gives **real choice** and sends a message to society that it is not okay to use vulnerable women and children as a commodity.

Please, for the sake of those that don't have a voice DO NOT allow this Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 to be enacted.