

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

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I support the Sex Work Decriminalisation Bill because workers of any industry should not have to choose between personal safety and working legally. Allowing sex workers to work in groups other than in the 18 currently licensed brothels gives workers more freedom to choose how to work without compromising on their own personal safety. This is especially important in such a vast state such as Queensland with many remote areas they may have 1 or zero brothels. Furthermore, if sex work was decriminalized, standard WHS regulations would apply to all places of sex work which is not currently the case. This would then empower sex workers to be able to report unsafe workplaces to the regulator. Sex workers are extremely vulnerable to assaults of various natures under the current state of the law because many fear that reporting an incident will make them known to the police and therefore a future target for surveillance and charged with offences. Sex workers should be able to report incidents to the police without any fear of negative repercussions on their part. Nobody should have to choose between basic safety and the law to earn money. To conclude, I fully support the Sex Work Decriminalization Bill. Thank you