

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

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I write to oppose this bill, which proposes the "Decriminalization of Sex Work". 'Sex work' is a euphemistic label for sexual prostitution, which is rightly a crime. It ought to be a crime for all involved - for the men and women who prostitute themselves, for those who profit from their prostitution ('pimps'), and for those who use them ('clients'). Certainly there are those who are forced into prostitution, who are victims of wickedness and need to be rescued rather than prosecuted, but to decriminalize sexual prostitution is to call an evil thing good, and to will only be to the detriment of all those individuals involved, as well as to families and to society. While there are many secondary arguments that can be made, the primary reason sexual prostitution should remain a crime punishable by law is that it is a sin against God's Moral Law - the Seventh Commandment says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." This includes all manner of sexual activity that is outside of the marriage bond between one man and one woman. Sexual prostitution is a violation of the marriage bond, whenever either party is married, but is also a violation of the sexual chastity that God requires of every man and woman, married or unmarried, in their thoughts, words and actions. The Government does not have a jurisdiction over the minds of men and women, as to whether they are thinking purely and chastely - this belongs to God. As Jesus says, recorded in Matthew 5:28, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." However, the Government does have a jurisdiction over the actions of men and women, particularly when they have public implications. And the public implications of sexual prostitution are many, especially in marriages and families, but extending to the whole of society. The Bible, which is the Inspired Word of God, is very clear as to the evil of sexual prostitution, and demands that it be dealt with by nations. If it is not dealt with justly, but allowed to increase, the warning is that God Himself will bring great judgment. Some Bible references follow: Leviticus 19:29, "Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness." Deuteronomy 23:17-18, "There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. (18) Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God." 1 Timothy 1:9-10, "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, (10) For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine." Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." There is much more in the Bible relating to this matter, and I would be happy to address this in more detail with you, if there is opportunity, but I would urge you to take heed to the Word of the Living God. There is forgiveness available for those who sin, whether in the area of sexual prostitution or any other way, but only for those who acknowledge their sin against God. This also applies to those in Government. You have a responsibility before God to rule justly and to uphold what is right. Therefore I urge you to turn away from this wicked proposal - seek God's mercy, seek His Truth, and do what is right. Psalm 2:10-12, "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. (11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (12) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."