

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

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Hello,

I would like to make a submission to the Criminal Code
(Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Please find attached my submission in a letter. For my submission, please use the following personal details.

I would like all of my details to be kept anonymous for the submission. [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to this process. I'd like to start by saying that I am writing in full support of the Decriminalisation Bill.

I'm a sex worker and decriminalisation is important to me because the current state of the laws means a situation where we are not protected, supported, or empowered to seek aid when harm is done to us while performing our work.

We are unable to use safety strategies to protect ourselves in high-risk situations, such as working from locations outside of our own address (such as at a hotel) or even notifying friends of our situation for fear of running afoul of the current laws.

I am afraid of reporting crimes committed against me, as well as the very real possibility that if I do report, I could be the one facing criminal charges or arrest due to some legal loophole which I have somehow run afoul of.

This decriminalisation will help by reducing stigma and discrimination against sex workers, will allow us greater options of workplaces, as well as make it more transparent in the ways we are able to comply with the law. It will also give us greater freedom to report crimes that are committed against us without fear of legal lash-back.

Contrary to the fearmongering, this bill will likely help increase – rather than reduce – the frequency of safer sex within the industry, as one of the outcomes will be that Workplace Health and Safety protections will force workplaces to provide PPE to their workers (which would mean Condoms).

I would like this submission to be submitted by #DecrimQLD and Respect Inc on my behalf and I am not happy for this to be publicised on the Committee website.

Yours sincerely,

Anonymous