

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

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QLD Government announced they are committed to the full decriminalisation of the sex industry. I ask you to reconsider this model. It does nothing for young girls or boys dreams to *enter politics. It does not improve social conditions within Queensland. The work force and education system will suffer. If this Government carries out this commitment they will need to deal with the ramifications for decades to come. There is an alternative.*

This announcement swallows people's daughters and mothers, to our shame. It paints our boys and men as dirty, teaching them they are entitled to buy sex. The spread of sexual diseases will increase as this bill will allow businesses to advertise on public TV and on buses . This will bring another Rowan Baxter who killed his beautiful wife Hannah Clark and their children .

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10642643/How-horror-deaths-Hannah-Clarke-children-unfolded-Brisbane.html>

Our Government shows it has lost touch with Queenslanders and those who wish to settle in Queensland. We desire to *improve social conditions in our state. We are already sick of the crime, break ins to our homes; it is costing us dearly. We are tired of hearing on our news another family or business has succumbed to youth crime.*

The outcome of decriminalising sex work will not be a good look as this state builds towards the 2032 Oylmpics.

The Nordic Model/ Equality model is a viable option and provides community focused goals. This is the best option as we move towards the Olympics. It builds dignity in the whole community and hope. It is not too late for a Government that desires the best to change it's mind.

Decriminalizing sex work bring a wave of Pornography Rings and negative outcomes.

The sex buyers' views are dehumanising and degrading, Their misogynist views are on full display.

Nothing from respectful relationship classes are seen in these rooms.

Buyers enact practices of harm they have seen on the web. The men are deep into pornography. Fully decriminalised prostitution in Queensland will only encourage pornography. Men will take these attitudes into their family home and expect their beautiful women to act like prostitutes

I have listened to several women who are survivors of the sex trade; their story is ugly.

"It is a job like any other", said QLD Government when announced committed to the full decriminalisation of the sex industry. The Attorney general or health minister who holds these portfolio should have a coffee with a beautiful young lady who is a survivor of such horrors and will **discover it is not a job like any other.**

If you are a woman of colour or not of the man's culture these women are seen as inferior; these buyers do their worst. Is this something we want, for women here in Queensland, to become sex slaves? For our Aboriginal women, **we just had a referendum to bring dignity, respect and equality.** Does the QLD Government not respect Aboriginal women?

In this industry women are already experiencing coercion. Most are vulnerable, only being sucked into this trade due to life circumstances such as poverty, being raped as a child or Family violence. If this law comes in, it will endorse modern day slavery and gender violence. **Women will not be given real choices. Government will** dis-empower women. Women will use drugs to remove pain, depression and so on, undermining social morals.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/the-girl-next-door-mother-s-tribute-to-michaela-dunn-during-killer-s-sentence-hearing-20210329-p57exu.html>

The Nordic or Equality model

In these Countries, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Ireland Canada, France and Europe, they have adopted the Nordic or Equality approach. They seek to improve Women's political status, economic and social conditions, self-esteem, as well as access to many opportunities. Why has QLD Government announced it is committed to the full decriminalisation of the sex industry.

Is this Government not interested in equality?

In Europe Germany has discovered Decriminalised Prostitution Feeds Human Trafficking

"According to Dailymail, Dorothee Bär, the deputy leader of the parliamentary group for CDU/CSU, said that almost all of the sex workers working in

Germany are foreigners and do not have documents. Therefore, pimps and human traffickers have been the biggest beneficiaries of the legalised sex industry.”

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/vice-gangs-cash-euro-2024-31638223>

Does the Government want sex workers flooding into the country, opening the door to crime and human traffickers from Asia? The biggest beneficiaries will bring these girls to Australia to hide under QLD’s new laws.

Do we want tourists like this again in Australia

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-12-06/german-backpacker-sentenced-for-launceston-boxing-day-killing/101733676>

The full decriminalisation of the sex industry is set to also

- Disallow accommodation providers the right to refuse access to their premises by sellers of sex services for the purpose of prostitution.
- Prevent local councils from restricting brothels when considering local planning laws.
- Allow home based brothels to be given the same treatment as other home ‘businesses’.
- Local councils bylaws: prostitution will be given all rights and privileges of any home based “businesses” according to to the QLRC recommendations.
- People living in our city Suburbs and Street will now need to compete with this Business to gain a home. **Is that fair in a Housing crisis ??**

I certainly do not want to be confronted with this in my home street or have my young Adult family see advertisement on their phone and on buses.

Country after country in Europe have adopted the Equality model.

1. Reduce sexual violence levels
2. Change behaviour and change of attitude
3. Public support

Safety and dignity of women.

The Nordic or Equality approach has been highly successful Sweden pioneered this model in 1999

Sweden – Nordic pop 10 000 000

before Nordic, mid 1990: **3000** prostituted. After Nordic 2008: **600** - 1 per **15,000** people

NSW –Decriminalisation pop 6 000 000; **6 000** - 1 per **1000** people

Germany -Decriminalisation pop 70 million, prostitutes - **400,000**, i.e. 1 per **175** people

Since then country after country in Europe have adopted this model. Nordic model ending Violence.

We ask this QLD Government to be committed to respecting women so they can choose wisely, God does not want women to be caught up near a mining camp as a sex slave. Europe is walking away from decriminalisation of the sex industry, accepting the equality model. Germany is no longer wanting to be Europe Prostitute Country, seen for sex tourism.

Queensland Government please choose wisely the Nordic or Equality approach. We will thank you.