

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

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My submission is as follows, I was a sex worker and I worked in a legalised brothel. My decision to do this was for safety reasons. Cameras, monitoring by managers ect. No drugs or alcohol was allowed, money laundering a big no. It was well policed and controlled which kept me safe. I then started to work in Newcastle, decriminalisation in affect. Drugs and alcohol everywhere, drug sex orgies, licenced bars so men could consume alcohol before a booking in the brothel. The girls would buy and sell drugs on shifts. Drug dealers would come in to sell. I was not safe at all. Men were more violent towards the girls and demanding with sexual fetishes. I lasted 3 visits and never went back. I have heard horror stories from many of the girls I worked with who worked in Melbourne. Managers not allowing breaks, girls working 14hr shifts not allowed to deny a client even if he was abusive. Rapes galore!! Girls could not prove it because hey they are prostitutes and it consentual right??? This was my experience as a sex worker in a brothel. You can see the difference to legalised to decriminalisation. As an ex worker I can tell you I was so damaged, soul broken with the demand from men. I came from poverty and being a single mum with no parenting pension, Julia Gillard put a stop to pensions I had no choice but to provide for my kids. Prostitution alone is this most soul damaging profession and if I could have my time again I would of chose it differently if there was more help for vulnerable women, poverty and jobs. Do I want to walk down King George Square and see it littered with Prostitution? No!!!! How damaging on this beautiful city it would be. Do I want to see pimping back in action? Violence on women increased? Rapes? Drug addiction rise? Mental Health for women 100 times worse then it is now? Advertising to buy sex on billboards or in store fronts for my children to see? Sex trafficking increased because now just anyone can run a brothel, even my next door neighbour to pimp out women?. NO!!!!!!!!!! I SAY NO!!!!!!!! How Brisbane will quickly turn to Kings Cross, lose much tourism and look like a infested sex pit for all to see. Let alone the many women who will be subjected to whatever a man desires she must do without no safety for her mind, soul or life. Do not do this to our women!!! Decrease the buyers and save our women!!!