

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

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Please do not decriminalise sex workers. This industry destroys your self worth, it leaves a terrible stain upon you for many years after leaving the industry. I speak from my own experience working in the industry when I was only 17. I was not long in the industry probably around a year, I worked as a high class escort and worked in Kalgoorlie on Hay Street at the red house, it was enough time to make me feel shame and total brokenness. Lowering myself to selling my body for a quick buck. No amount of money could wash my conscience. I was never warned that this terrible stain would occur and never leave me. It is akin to being raped, that dirty feeling that never leaves you. If you allow this legalisation you will open doors that you will never be able to close. You will place many people into a dark pit that will engulf and destroy them. You will unleash a larger criminal network of controllers/pimps. While the industry operates currently under containment areas overseen by Police, there are considerations to be had before going fully down this path that enable a person to consider their choices. For instance, I was interviewed by a special division at the Police station and asked about any markings that were on my body, just in case I turned up dead. It would help them to identify me. That comment shocked me, but sadly not enough to stop me. Once you legalise sex workers these red flags will be non-existent. This is not a normal work industry, it is nothing like an honourable job, no matter how you word it or legalise it. Think about this Nation and its sons and daughters, do the right thing and do not open the flood gates of disaster. The mental health of these sex workers will cost the Nation, it will cost the families. Fractured minds are hard to heal. Thank you for reading through this, please do the right thing.