

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

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Dear Committee Secretary

I strongly support the Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 as essential legislative reform for sex worker health, safety and rights, to align Queensland with other jurisdictions that have modernised their sex work laws and to replace the current regulatory model that has failed sex worker and QLD.

- Part 1 - I support a commencement date of 1 July, 2024. Any further delay leaves sex workers criminalised, with safety strategies criminalised and reduced access to justice.
- Part 2 - I support amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act but I suggest the removal of 'adult' from cl6.
- Part 3 & 7 - I support laws to prevent council banning sex work outright from their area, and support sex workers being able to work together.
- Part 4 - I support a repeal of Ch22A Criminal Code including the laws that criminalise sex worker safety.
- Part 6 - I support an amendment of the Liquor Act, however, I suggest a review of the Adult Entertainment laws and further removal of any regulatory role from Police.
- Part 9 - I support review of the Act in 4-5years in consultation with sex worker organisations
- Part 10 - I support repeal of the Prostitution Act including the licensing system, licensing body, public health, advertising.
- Part 11 - I support but with social escort removed from the Child Employment Act as it has been from other Acts.

The expungement of sex work offences is important to include in future legislation to prevent ongoing stigmatising impacts on sex workers.

I suggest that Respect Inc is resourced to undertake an awareness program to address sex work stigma and inform sex workers about decriminalisation in line with QLRC Recommendation 38.

I agree for my submission to be published without my phone number.

Regards,
Dr Emma Turley

