

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

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My name is Stuart Chalmer and I am enrolled to vote in the State District of Stafford.

I write to you to declare my support for the Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

On Sunday March 3, International Sex Worker Rights Day, my wife, and I attended the screening of the documentary film “Fly in Power” hosted by Respect Inc, about Asian Migrant Sex workers and their campaign for respect and a dignified livelihood for all sex workers and migrant workers.

The documentary and a speech by one of Brisbane’s Asian Migrant Sex workers has had a powerful impact on me, inspiring me to submit this brief note of support.

The proposed legislative changes have long been awaited, and I believe should not be further delayed.

Asian sex workers have been heavily impacted by these laws and policing approaches as working in massage has been criminalised under the Prostitution Act and the advertising restrictions have prevented even the mention of massage as part of a sex workers services.

Sex workers should have the same rights as workers in any other profession in Queensland. This includes the ability to work legally and safely and be protected by anti-discrimination legislation. They should be able to work together.

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

Kindest regards

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