

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

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To Committee Secretary
Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee
Parliament House
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I write in support of the Criminal code (Decriminalizing sex work) and other legislation Amendment Bill 2024

This bill is essential legislative reform for sex worker health, safety and rights, to align Queensland with other jurisdictions that have modernized their sex work laws and to replace the current regulatory model that has failed sex worker and QLD.

I am a client of sex workers and have a family member who is a sex worker, I am Disabled and seeing sex workers allows me to have human connection where I otherwise often miss out, seeing sex workers helps my mental health and overall wellbeing in lifechanging, positive ways, so I am glad to see the Queensland government decriminalizing sex work. I think this is a vital step to ensuring safety, inclusion, justice and de-stigmatization for all sex workers.

I would like to make a few key points in regards to the different sections of the decriminalizing sex work bill as follows:

In regards to Part 1, cl 2 Commencement – I note the date of commencement has not been set, I recommend a commencement date of 1 July, 2024. I have witness people I care about having to choose between working legally and working safely, and any further delay leaves sex workers criminalised, with safety strategies criminalised and reduced access to justice.

In regards to Part 3 and part 7, I support parts 3 and 7, The insertion of Part 3 & Part 7 in the City of Brisbane and Local Government Acts makes sure the implementation of decriminalisation is not undermined by councils. Additional in regards to these sections, The QLRC review recommended against requirements that force sex workers to work alone (Recommendation 1), and I recommend sex worker's should be able to work together.

In regards to Part 4, I strongly support repeal of Ch22A Criminal Code including the laws that criminalise sex worker safety, repealing Ch22A is vital to sex worker's

safety.

In regards to part 9, I support a review of the act, however recommend any review should be undertaken in consultation with Respect Inc and Scarlet Alliance. I believe it is vital the sex worker's voices are centered and continue to be centered through our the discrimination process and any review's that follow.

In regards to Part 10, I strongly support repeal of the Prostitution Act including the licensing system, licensing body, public health laws, advertising guidelines, street based sex work prohibition and definitions that prevent sex workers working in pairs/co-ops.

Additionally I would like to add that the expungement of sex work offences is important to include in future legislation to prevent ongoing impacts on sex workers. I want to again state that I think it is vital that sex workers shape the decriminalization process, the voices of sex workers and their submissions must be centred.

With regards,

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