

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

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This is a Submission in support of the decriminalisation of sex work in Queensland. Thank you for your call for submissions about this matter. I am writing to express my strong support for the decriminalisation of sex work in Queensland – frankly, I find it hard to understand why it was ever criminally regulated. I support the immediate full decriminalisation of sex work. And as soon as possible afterwards, the decriminalisation of associated occupations such as adult entertainment, stripping and erotic dancing. I am not a sex worker myself, but my partner is. The current laws in Queensland make me concerned for her safety. And for my own liability if I support her in her work (e.g. in receiving details for her safety of where she is) It seems ridiculous to me that in any other business a husband and wife can support each other – but because it is sex work, she is prohibited to turn to me for support. And I am a criminal if I help her out, give her a lift to a booking or assist her with advertising or marketing. And that she is prohibited from working more safely with her friends or at an escort agency. It is also upsetting to me the extent to which her occupation is stigmatised and discriminated against – and that stigma also extends to me as her partner. In 2024 it is long overdue that we addressed this also and ensured that sex workers are given the respect that their skilful and important occupation deserves. I appreciate your attention to this and endorse the position of Respect on these matters as they seem to provide informed, non-judgmental support to my partner and her colleagues to support their health and safety. Kind regards