

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

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## **Parliamentary Inquiry into the**

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

If passed this Bill will:

- entice vulnerable young people to enter the sex industry to bridge the gap in their budget due to cost-of-living pressures
- lead to increased rates of STIs and HIV/AIDS transmission added more pressure to the health system
- undermine societal moral values by normalising sex as a commercial transaction, leading to increased rates of family breakdown
- perpetuate the objectification of women and contribute to gender inequality
- enable brothel owners to recruit workers at schools and university career events
- make it easier for human traffickers to operate

to highlight just a few.

Does this sound like a good idea?!

As an alternative, I strenuously propose the “Nordic sex work model” which is being given serious consideration in South Australia.

This model, already legislated in Canada, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Israel, South Korea and France, decriminalises sex workers but maintains penalties for people who buy sex.

The proposed SA bill also compels the government to provide pathways out of sex work for women who no longer want to labour in the field.

Sincerely,

Rodney Ballinger