

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

Decriminalization of a social ill does not bring about a happier, healthier society. So very often, it has the opposite effect. Women whose circumstances force them into sex work will find life even more difficult as crime organizations will find that operating in an unfettered environment will be very attractive and lucrative. The exploitation and brutalization of women will increase markedly. There has been much success in protecting women in countries where the Nordic model has been introduced. Under this scheme, clients not the women themselves are persecuted. Another major drawback in decriminalizing sex work is that it would normalize prostitution. Whilst some people may see no harm in this, it would eventually lead to significant social decline such as happened when marihuana has been legalized.