

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

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I have marched in support of women against domestic violence as I realize the terrible pain for women in those diabolical relationship and yet many of the victims (workers) in the prostitution business have had difficult home lives and/or a drug addiction which made them vulnerable to traffickers and pimps and in turn I believe your Bill would further involve many more exploited women. With our economic situation very serious, decriminalization will encourage women doing it tough to see prostitution as a way out without realizing the devastating consequences - the trouble is men think that after they have paid for sex the women becomes an object for their gratification. According to research data and survivor lived experience and expertise have revealed traffickers and buyers often target youth who lack strong support networks, have experienced violence in the past or are experiencing homelessness or marginalized by society. How would decriminalizing prostitutions stop this. What credible exit strategies does the Government have for those wanting to leave the industry and who overseas that. The more I discuss this with friends the more I see the need for the protection of women - this is paramount. Along with that, your bill will allow brothels to be set up in residential areas as businesses - So wrong. I would argue that a promiscuous lifestyle is not one that we want on display for our younger generations and solicitation will be allowed in public places with this bill.