

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

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Dear Committee Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this process.

I support the Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

I have worked for different community service organisations for more than decades and am also a research project co-ordinator at the Australian Women and Girl's Health Research Centre, the University of Queensland.

Decriminalisation is important because of the following reasons. Firstly, decriminalisation of sex work eliminate the unfair treatment and discrimination of sex workers and will allow them to access services, work safety.

Sex workers cannot be treated fairly if they have work safety issues because they are not recognised as workers

Decriminalisation of sex work will allow sex workers access to adequate work safety procedures and strategy to maintain their work safety.

Sex workers are heavily underrepresent in Australian national research and surveys. They are vulnerable and marginalised communities that experience many barriers, particularly migrant sex workers. Their health needs cannot be met while sex work is decriminalised.

As a research co-ordinator, I support the full decriminalisation of sex work in Queensland, as without decriminalisation it is difficult for sex worker populations to participate in the research.

Kind regards,

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