

Submission No. 174 - Form A or variation of Form A

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

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SubmitterComments: Decriminalising prostitution and transferring regulatory responsibilities to the government will: Create regulatory ambiguity, oversight gaps, and enforcement challenges; Increase rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS transmission; Expose marginalised groups, such as minors, immigrants, and economically disadvantaged individuals, to exploitation and coercion; Heighten vulnerability to threats like assault, robbery, and violence, particularly during solitary house visits, as evidenced by the killings of Michaela Dunn, Kimberley McRae, Ting Fang and Jingai Zhang; Promote the commodification of human bodies and perpetuate power imbalances, compelling individuals to engage in commercial sexual activities due to economic necessity or exploitation; Lead women, particularly in Indigenous communities, with high substance abuse rates to enter prostitution to support addiction, exacerbating issues of substance dependency and exploitation; Undermine societal moral values by normalising sex as a commercial transaction, leading to increased rates of family breakdown; Facilitate the grooming of children into prostitution upon reaching maturity; Enable solicitation in public places, exposing women and young girls to unwanted sexual advances; Expose children to sexually explicit activities and materials in inappropriate locations, impacting their innocence and emotional well-being; Perpetuate the objectification of women and contribute to gender inequality; Compromise the integrity and mission of faith-based schools and organisations by requiring them to employ individuals engaged in prostitution contrary to their religious principles; Hinder law enforcement efforts to investigate the exploitation of children and migrants for prostitution or sexual servitude in brothels; Allow anyone to set up a brothel without a 'fit and proper person test'; Prohibit landlords and motel/hotel owners from refusing to lease or hire premises because they are used for prostitution; Enable brothel owners to recruit workers at schools and university career events; Permit street soliciting anywhere and at any time without repercussions; Fail to protect children living on premises where prostitution is occurring; Allow prostitution advertising of any manner to occur, including the display of prostituted women in shop windows; Fail to protect children who may be employed in premises where prostitution occurs; Make it easier for human traffickers to operate; Perpetuate economic exploitation as prostituted persons face pressure to accept unsafe

conditions, low pay, and exploitative arrangements with brothel owners; Facilitate solicitation at schools and churches.

Awareness: Other

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