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Youth Justice (Boot Camp
Orders) & Other Legislation
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Submission 015

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The following is my submission in relation to proposed amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, introduced to Parliament in the Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012. (1 November 2012)

'106C Accommodation for use in connection with work as sex worker

'It is not unlawful for a person (an accommodation provider) to discriminate against another person (the other person) by—

(a) refusing to supply accommodation to the other person;

or

(b) evicting the other person from accommodation; or

(c) treating the other person unfavourably in any way in connection with accommodation;

if the accommodation provider reasonably believes the other person is using, or intends to use, the accommodation in connection with that person's, or another person's, work as a sex worker.'

Link reference: <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/54PDF/2012/YouthJBootAB12.pdf>

I object to this legislation amendment as I believe that is unfair to name only sex workers as the only business people that can be freely refused, removed and treated unfavourably by accommodation providers.

If accommodation providers refuse accommodation to one class of business people, they should refuse accommodations to all classes of business people. To select one business is blatantly discriminatory.

If motels and hotels are the major issue here – then the words motels and hotels should be used as the specific type of accommodation that wishes to reserve the right to refuse to rent a room to sex workers.

Motels and hotels do not seem to object to other business people using their rooms to run their businesses from and some motels even promote in their advertisements that business people are welcome to stay at their motel and that they provide facilities to business people for the purpose of running their business whilst on the road and away from home.

By using the term "accommodation providers" in this legislation amendment doesn't limit to motels and hotels, which is where this whole issue began - motels wanting to be able to throw out sex workers without recrimination and to avoid anti-discrimination action from a person who they exercised discrimination against. The term opens the door for all types of rented accommodation providers to refuse, remove or treat unfavourably all sex workers

Sex work is a legal occupation in QLD... how about we start treating it and its workers as such!

No more discrimination!

In closing and once again – I object to this legislation amendment.

Sincerely,
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