

Youth Justice (Boot Camp  
Orders) & Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2012  
Submission 019

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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee- Re Youth Justice (Boot Camp orders) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

I am a sex worker who currently lives in Tasmania but currently travel to Queensland for work and to visit friends and family.

I rely on being able to stay in hotels or services apartments for work. I am always very polite and friendly to staff and other hotel guests. I am very discrete in the way that I work so as not to cause any inconvenience to staff or other guests. I mostly see my clients between 8am and 9pm, never see drunk or rude clients who would risk causing disruption to hotel staff or guests.

I bring my own additional bed linen and towels and ensure I leave my hotel room clean and tidy for hotel cleaning staff. I have never had a complaint from hotels staff that I have been noisy or caused any disruption to their business.

I strongly object to the change to the anti-discrimination act to allow the hotel industry to discriminate against me because of my profession. This would have a substantial impact on my income and also make my maintaining my close bonds with family and friends located in QLD. It is also degrading to me as a person who is working in a legal occupation, to be refused accommodation, which would be allowed to any other person who may or may not choose have sex in their hotel room.

There are laws in place for moteliere to remove guests who are drunk, disruptive, damage property or are rude to staff. This would apply to anyone who was a guest, be it a sex worker or a noisy group of teenagers or a couple on their honeymoon who have had a few too many drinks.

It is completely atrocious that the QLD government would pass a law that would openly allow moteliere to discriminate against sex workers purely because of their occupation. As a business that provides services to the general public it should not be up to individual moteliere to be allowed to discriminate against us purely because they find our occupation distasteful. Where then do we draw the line in moteliere being able to refuse accommodation to people just because they find their private lives distasteful? Will it next be alright for moteliere to refuse accommodation to people because they may be gay and have sex in their motel room or indigenous or muslim and the motelier finds that distasteful too?

I also have concerns about how this change in law may affect sex workers who reside in Queensland and their rental properties. Will this law then spill over into allowing real estate agents and landlords evicting sex workers who are legally working from their own premises at home?

Sex workers are just normal people who are working to support themselves and often their families and children. Please allow us to do our jobs with dignity and respect,

Regards,

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