Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 Submission 033

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To: <u>Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee</u>

**Subject:** Sex workers anti discrimination act change submission/opposition

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The following is my submission in relation to proposed amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, introduced to Parliament in the Youth Justice [Boot Camp Orders] and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

'106C Accommodation for use in connection with work as sex worker Making it legal for hotel/motel owners to evict sex workers is a very bad idea. Motels or hotels are the safest non residential place working ladies/men have to work.

You won't allow them to share accomodation, which forces them into either private renting (and many sex workers dont want to or cant work from their homes) or the street.

So paid accomodation such as motels and hotels are the only real solution to this, as it is infinately more risky to be visiting clients in their own homes.. a motel or hotel room gives a girl more control over things, and peace of mind that someone is nearby, .How is it any different for people like sales reps, project managers and the like to stay in a motel...and conduct meetings or email clients or skype?! would they, then too also be able to be asked to leave? no? then what you are looking at here is total discrimination. and not even discrimination to better things, just to make them far far worse. This amendment to the act does nothing but alienate, disciminate and do nothing but enhance fears and dangers associated with the industry.

I am a 37 year old, everday, tax paying citizen, and it makes me petrified to think that i, or any friend or family member may be under suspicion and tossed out in the night.

it is wrong wrong and I want it recorded that I, Kylie McClunie, am opposing the changes to this act.

Come up with ideas that will create a safer industry and community, not try and strip power where there is none to start with. Every person deserves the right to a safe place to be, and sleep, and the proposed changes to this act is attempting to deny that to sex workers, for their pathway choices, and the fact that they are a minority.

Sincerely, Kylie McClunie