Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 Submission 034

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I am a concerned citizen of Queensland and this 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.

I have followed this issue with great interest as it is not every day that you see a Government step into the sex lives of its citizens.

My opinion is that just because the owners of a motel cannot win in a court of law in regards to discriminating against a sex worker – the Government steps in and changes the law to favour the discriminator and the loser of a QCAT case, just like that and the people of Queensland and the sex workers of Queensland are supposed to be ok with this? I don't think so.

By creating a law such as this one you are taking away the rights of the sex workers – whom are a minority group, to benefit a multi-billion dollar industry such as the accommodation industry.

I don't think this proposed amendment is fair to those that earn their living in the sex industry – to not be able to have legal recourse for anti-discrimination when they are blatantly discriminated against by an accommodation provider. Or for that matter anyone else who this proposed amendment will affect such as clients of these sex workers who hire a room for the purpose of having sexual relations.

I personally don't see the difference between having a sex worker in a motel room working and having 20 or more other couples staying in the same hotel for a naughty weekend on the weekends.

What about 2 business colleagues arranging a lunch time sex session away from the office – renting a motel room for the purpose of having sexual relations only? I'm sure the motels doesn't complain about the by the lunch time hour rental of motel rooms I'm sure.

Naming a group of business people and telling the State of Queensland and the accommodation providers that it is ok to treat them differently to anyone else and any other business and not call it discrimination is not right.

The preposterousness of this amendment takes the Government's control over our lives to the next level and I object to it.

Thank you Stuart Milton

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