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2. Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 to introduce new exemptions in relation to accommodation used in connection with work as a sex worker

As a sex worker who travels in several states and uses hotel and motel accommodation when I travel both as accommodation and a work place I believe this proposed change of legislation is wrong.

Sex workers are in no way disruptive or deserve to be discriminated against in any way in our business.

Whenever I stay in a hotel I keep the lowest and quietest profile possible. I do this because my clients expect discretion and that attention not be drawn to their or my presence.

It should be noted that the case that sparked this legislation involved a sex worker who had stayed at a motel many times over a number of years without anyone knowing that she was doing sex work and it was only when she was given a room directly opposite reception that the proprietors finally became aware of her occupation.

If a sex worker or any business traveller was disruptive the proprietor already has rights to remedy the situation.

To be able to discriminate against a business traveller solely on the basis that the work they are doing on the premises is sex work cannot be supported as sex work is legal work.

Further this raises two dangers for sex workers.

The first is one that already occurs in that they will be blackmailed into paying room rates well above the going rate for other travellers. I have had colleagues who have been charged up three times the standard room rate on the basis that they were sex workers.

Second a sex worker required by a proprietor to leave accommodation during the night would be placed in an unsafe position especially in rural areas and towns.

The Prostitution Bill 1999 Explanatory Notes state that "The underlying principles of this Bill are to: ensure quality of life for local communities; safeguard against corruption and organised crime; address social factors which contribute to involvement in the sex industry; ensure a healthy society; and promote safety."

These proposed changes to the Anti Discrimination Act undermines the intentions of the Prostitution Act and the position of Queensland sex workers as full and equal citizens and undermines the fundamental conditions and resources for health of social justice, and equity as set out in the Ottawa Charter.

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