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To: Legal Affairs Police Corrective Services and Emerg Svc Committee
Subject: Objection to Clause 101 of the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing in response to the above clause and Amendment Bill 2011. I agree with RESPECT INC's submission and object to clause 101.

As a high end private independent escort/sex worker, I have an issue with the police using these policing strategies. I believe that sex workers work hard to ensure their services include health and safety strategies such as condom use for oral and intercourse. Sex workers are not spreading STIs to the rest of the community and have low STI transmission rates because we support and reinforce the idea that condom use is standard practice in our work places and clients have to accept it or go without.

I feel that the Police target sex workers with little English language capacity and who have no way to defend the charges.

I feel the clause and Amendment undermines the work that Respect Inc does in supporting sex workers to use condoms. With the police out there asking for 'natural' services every day no wonder new sex workers can feel pressured to provide these services!

I know that I can fully work around a client who doesn't want to use condoms with tricks and the use of other things like femidoms.

If the legislation was better at supporting my occupational health and safety needs, I wouldn't need to contribute to reviews like this and I could trust that our interests were being met.

Kind regards

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