

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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General submission

Please listen to the Sex workers themselves and not interest groups that do not understand sex work.

A licensing regime is far too heavy a regulatory response to any perceived issues in the sex work industry. This will get police back involved in the monitoring of sex work. History shows that this leads to corruption and poor outcomes for sex workers.

Sex work should remain decriminalised and run like any other professional business where labour is exchanged for financial consideration (e.g. hairdressers, book keepers, plumbers etc). It does not need special regulation.

Existing laws are perfectly adequate to deal with issues such as criminal activity, trafficking, immigration issues etc.