

**Submission
No 50**

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

Name: Mr [REDACTED]
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The Committee Manager
Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a submission to the Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels (**Committee**) as a private citizen who supports the industry as an elderly widower.

At my age (over 60), dating and establishing new relationships is not easy, and I have found both massage parlours and brothels, as well as private escorts, essential to my emotional wellbeing by being able to maintain intimate physical contact with another person. I would be a very lonely man without these services.

In this regard, I support the following principles:

1. individual sex workers should not need to be licenced (as I understand is required in Victoria) and should be able to work from their home, their client's home or hotel rooms without being regulated as a brothel. I strongly support the continuation of decriminalisation of individual workers in the industry as a basic human right;
2. there should be separate licences for massage parlours and brothels depending on the services on offer, both being defined as places where more than (say) 3 clients can be accommodated at any one time. In this regard I note from my experience that massage parlours with strict service policies provide more protection to the workers as clients are less likely to push the girls out of their comfort zones;
3. the Committee should recognise the value and benefits sex workers provide to the elderly and disabled people in our society;
4. people and organisations that exploit women in the sex industry, through indenture, cruelty, drugs or other means, should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I have only frequently reputable establishments and have been generally impressed by the intelligence and maturity of most workers in those places, many of whom have been students who have found the industry an attractive way to support their studies due to its flexible hours;
5. adequate information on health care and support services should be readily available to workers in the industry without the stigma of licencing requirements;

I would appreciate the Committee keeping my name and address contained in this Submission (highlighted in red font) as well as my signature, confidential.

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