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## **INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS**

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## NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Regulation of Brothels

I fully support regulation of brothels in NSW and regulation of sex work. My reasons are as follows:

1. **Civilised communities regulate most activities.** This regulation ensures trust, safety, orderly processes and removal of exploitation. Examples of regulation include a) personal safety (Crash helmets for motor bike riders, variable blood alcohol limits for drivers at different levels of competence and for different vehicles being driven), Market standards (mandatory qualifications for lawyers, doctors & engineers), Community safety (approval for food and drug production).
2. **Equality of worker protection with most professions.** (many industry groups are regulated concerning charges, standards and operating procedures). There's no valid reason to exclude sex workers from the levels of protection afforded to many other people in our civilised society.
3. **Protection of the clients and people associated with them.** Regulation of sex work by regulating brothels will ensure control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, STDs. This control will protect the users and their partners and others who may come into contact with them.
4. **Protection of the general community.** Regulating brothels and all locations where sex work is performed will protect the general community from inappropriate placing next to schools churches, shopping centres apartment blocks, residential streets.
5. **Protection of law enforcement officers.** Illegal activities have been shown in the past to corrupt police. Therefore, regulating brothels with a regulatory agency and known rules will protect our police from temptation.

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