

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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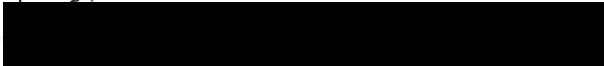
The Committee Manager
Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels
Parliament House, Macquarie
Sydney NSW 2000

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you as a sex worker originally from Thailand. I do not usually write to make submissions but I am very concerned about the possibility of licensing being introduced to NSW. In particular I am worried about what I hear about the Swedish Model. I would like to tell you my story which highlights my reasons why we must keep decriminalisation of sex work & our workplaces and our clients in NSW.

When I first came to Australia I came to Sydney in 2000. Unfortunately I had a bad boss. Why I think the Swedish Model is so bad is because it was my customer who was able to help me & connect me with the local sex worker organisation. Since then I was able to go to the police & make an application for a permanent residency visa. I know this is because sex work is not illegal here. Now I am still a sex worker. I must work & I must still look after my business & pay my taxes.

and do not break any laws. I do not consider I am doing anything wrong. In fact I think sex workers make a valuable contribution to society & we are part of the community. Here in NSW if we have bad experience we can go to the police & access peer services, in my 15 years as a sex worker I have experienced good and bad work conditions. This is not different to any other workplace I do not believe I am a trafficked victim but I do know if I wasn't working in a decriminalised environment I wouldn't be able to have support & make a positive contribution to society. I urge the committee to keep decriminalisation in NSW to protect our rights.

Yours Faithfully,


*I have used my working name because I have young children & I believe my case may be able to identify who I am.