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INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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To whom it may concern

RE: 1.The Planning Regulation Of Brothels
2.Fred Nile
3.Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP)
4.Williams Street Safe Houses (Brothels)
5.People living with a disability

I am a former sex worker and disagree with some councils who do what they can to prevent brothels staying open. Where some local council members have a prejudice against sex workers.

I do not think it is right sex workers water and electricity be cut off for 3 months for operating a home based brothel, half the industry are private workers and a lot of sex workers.

A lot of people do not like Fred Nile who opposes sex workers.

Now brings me to Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) in Surry Hills who care about sex workers sexual health like the prevention of STI, HIV Aids, health and safety.

SWOP also provides counselling and food vouchers for struggling sex workers.

The other thing there has also been a decrease of violence against sex workers in NSW but badly needed is anti-discrimination law for sex workers.

I would like to talk about also the residence in Williams Street trying to close the safe houses for street based sex workers.

If they close down the safe houses (which operate like a brothel) there will be more car jobs and violence against street based sex workers and do not agree safe houses be sold off and made into private residences or shopping hubs.

The other thing sex workers improves and enhances the lives of persons with a disability there should be more brothels which are accessible for persons living with a disability things like lifts and ramps.

I would also like to acknowledge Scarlett Alliance The Australian Sex Workers Association.

I disagree with the Nordic Model where sex workers are looked upon as 'you poor women' sex workers get angry at such statements.

Victoria and Queensland do not care about private workers who have to pay rent.

Sex workers are treated like a funny thing and a some people think we should go away.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

