

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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DEAR SIR/MADAM,

I am currently involved in this industry as a owner /operator in suburban Sydney.

My gripe with the industry lies with the way local Councils vary their interest or mainly the lack of, in the conduct of their brothel policies. In my experience Parramatta Council are very strict in their regulation enforcement, maybe also Kogarah council, then you go to Hurstville or Sutherland councils and whilst they talk about how effective they are nothing is ever done to close down the illegal premises. If you want to open a brothel in these two council areas just go ahead and do it, you will never have to have a fire inspection, a health check or a building safety check also forget having to jump through all the hoops to get a D.A. Car parking is also not looked at.

A legal brothel as we all know cannot be near a school, church, where children frequent or close to homes or units, but a short drive around the suburbs will find these so called Massage Parlours defying these requirements openly. These premises operate under the guise of massage, but the ladies know only one thing, that is to make money by offering sex. They advertise in the local papers stating they have young attractive Asian ladies different every day. If you are going for a real massage would you really care what she looks like?

The problem is these places are out of control. These places are full on brothels without any Council confines, and some are within walking distance of Council chambers. I believe a legal brothel serves a community service but should always be monitored with Council approval, but it is a fact that no two Councils have the same requirements and vary widely with location, car parking spaces, number of rooms available, room sizes, disabled rooms, traffic in nearby streets etc.

The biggest problem as I see it is just how easy it is to open a brothel in suburban Sydney under the radar of any authority without calling it a brothel, no council, no police, no health checks, no fire requirements no parking needs, no disability rooms, no restrictive trading hours, open and close when you like just do your own thing.

I think the legal brothels are finding it hard to compete with the illegals particularly when every day a new one opens nearby and no one seems to have the interest to close them down.

A lot of noise has been made over the years but everything stays the same. It would be nice to see some real compliance from the NSW Government.

Thank you for this opportunity.