

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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

To whom it may concern,

As a staff member in the disability sector who supports a person with disability to access the sex industry, I am writing to make a submission to the Inquiry into the Regulation of Brothels 2015.

I have firsthand experience of many of the benefits of the current regulatory framework of decriminalisation in NSW.

I am writing to endorse my wholehearted support for the current model of decriminalised sex industry regulation in NSW and I recommend no change to this model in NSW.

Sex work has been decriminalised in NSW since 1995 and NSW is world renowned as having a best practice model of sex industry regulation.

Sex workers have improved the quality of life of a person with disability who I know visits sex workers.

As a staff member I have attended a workshop facilitated by Touching Base about supporting people with disability to access the sex industry. This has been an important part of my support role and I am concerned such workshops might not be possible if the Government introduces a licensing model of sex industry regulation.

Sex workers who work from home should not be included in the legal definition of a brothel and should be regulated the same way as any other type of home occupation.

Sex workers have a right to access support and information and this is made possible under decriminalisation.

People with disability wanting to access the sex industry also have a right to support and information and this is made possible under decriminalisation.

People who visit sex workers are ordinary people, with ordinary lives, just like sex workers are.

People who visit sex workers are not inherently immoral or seeking to exploit sex workers. Rather, people who visit sex workers are seeking a positive experience to enrich their lives.

Yours Faithfully,

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