

INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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The Chair
Committee on the Regulation of Brothels
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: Mr. Alister Henskens SC, MP

Dear Mr. Henskens,

Inquiry into the Regulation of Brothels

I refer to subject inquiry into the Regulation of Brothels in New South Wales being conducted by the Select Committee for the Regulation of Brothels.

I firstly thank the Select Committee for inviting the Gloucester Shire Council to make a submission. Council welcomes the inquiry into New South Wales Brothel Regulation.

Gloucester Shire Council currently has no licensed brothels in its Local Government Area. The extent of the sex work industry in the Gloucester Shire is not known. It is generally thought that while sex-services may operate in the Shire, they are widely believed to be single operators from residential dwellings. Any sex-service premises in the Gloucester Shire require Development Consent. Should Gloucester Shire Council receive a Development Application for a Licensed Brothel Council has no specific development controls in any Development Control Plan provisions for brothel establishments. There are also no immediate plans to adopt such controls.

Gloucester Shire Council is a small Regional Council which has limited resources, training or experience in the field of regulating sex industry uses.

Gloucester Shire Council hereby indicates its position in terms of brothel regulation as follows:

- To support the demarcation of brothel regulation to State Government Agencies;
- If Local Governments are the responsible agency for brothel regulation for the State to provide funding for the training of officers in brothel regulation and support for providing guidelines in a Development Control Plan for their regulation;

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Urban and Regional Planner Aaron Kelly on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

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Danny Green
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