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TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice **RE: THE PROPOSED SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019, NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Your intentions are laudatory, but the NORDIC MODEL AND THE SIMILAR IPSWICH/UK Model are light years in sophistication and proven effectiveness ahead of this intended Bill. Please give the following some intelligent thought.

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/2017/11/14/how-a-nordic-model-approach-to-tackling-prostitution-was-implemented-in-ipswich/>

After a series of murders, Ipswich UK came up with a three-pronged strategy:

1. An end to targeting the women with criminal sanctions and instead providing them with substantial support to help them exit prostitution and rebuild their lives.
2. Tackling men's demand for prostitution. They used the kerb crawling legislation and number plate recognition technology to implement a zero-tolerance approach. They found the majority of the punters they arrested were "ordinary" guys who were married or in long-term relationships, often with children and good jobs. The police made a strategic decision to avoid naming and shaming the men because they felt this would have a negative impact on their families. So provided the men took responsibility for their behaviour and accepted a caution, they were not publicly named. The vast majority of the men who were arrested accepted this approach.
3. Preventative work with children at risk of being groomed into the sex trade to prevent another generation of women on the streets.

This broadly corresponds to the [Nordic Model approach](#).

WHEREAS YOUR bill

1. Imposes no restrictions on the size of the brothel.
2. No restriction on the location of brothels.
3. There are no protections for Aboriginal women who are particularly vulnerable.
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2009-11-30/aboriginal-itinerants-turning-to-prostitution/1162326>
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-07-30/norma-a-top-end-race-to-the-bottom/5634376>
4. It interferes with existing powers of police, to specifically exclude their involvement in sex industry oversight and investigation. This suits the interests of organised crime.
5. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has listed Australia as a high trafficking destination country.
6. Prostitution involves violence and is inherently unequal. Legalising prostitution normalises it.

Yours faithfully,

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