

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EPSC EPSC](#)  
**Subject:** Sex Industry Bill 2019  
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Dear EPSC,

I write to raise the following concerns with the upcoming bill on legalising prostitution in the NT.

My concerns are specifically around the following issues:

- This bill imposes no restrictions on the size of the brothel, number of rooms, numbers of women onsite, or conditions in which they can dispatch women for prostitution.
- There are no restrictions on businesses applying for liquor licenses.
- There is no restriction on the location of brothels.
- 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>
- The Bill interferes with existing powers of police, to specifically exclude their involvement in sex industry oversight and investigation. This suits the interests of organised crime.
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has listed Australia as a high trafficking destination country.
- Prostitution involves violence and is inherently unequal. Legalising prostitution normalises it.

However, I support the Nordic system of prostitution legislation (also referred to as the Human Rights model) which has so far been adopted by Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Canada, Northern Ireland, France, Ireland, Israel. The nordic model of prostitution legislation stands for

- The decriminalisation of all prostituted persons
- The criminalisation of the purchase of sexual services
- The education of the community about the harms of prostitution and the value of every human being.
- The ongoing investigation and prosecution of crimes involving trafficking and sexual exploitation of the vulnerable.
- The rejection of any form of commercialisation or corporatisation of the sex industry.
- The provision of holistic exit programs for prostituted persons, including sustainable long-term funding.

I would be available to speak further if needed.

Sincerely,  
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