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To whom it may concern,

I understand from reading the  [Transcript - Public Briefing - Tuesday 24 September 2019](#), that the intention of the Sex Industry Bill 2019 is to fully decriminalize, or legalize brothels and prostitution in the Northern Territory.

I also understand that this so-called Public Briefing was as a result of the Bill being referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee on 18 of Sept 2019.

Six days later, the public briefing was held, apparently with no members of the public present, and the only party present who was not directly involved with the committee was Gerry Wood MLA, who had some serious concerns about the transparency of the “Public Submissions” to the enquiry, since even he as an MLA was unable to access any information regarding the so called “Public Submissions”.

Many members of the public would have serious concerns with brothels being allowed to act as normal businesses, like what if they set up near a school and encourage the presence of undesirable males or females frequenting the vicinity of the public utilities (schools) where we send our children.

On one hand, we have to legislate for the protection of children, while on the other hand we continue to increase behaviour that is detrimental to our children, ie, legislating to normalize women and girls (and boys) to be seen as sex objects purely for the gratification of those with more money than them. I consider this to be a modern form of slavery, and having known some people who have got caught up in this industry long term, it is NOT in the best interests of the victims, the workers. It is also NOT in the best interests of society, which is something the Government is supposed to uphold.

Having observed the present NT government in operation, I think they have seriously failed in their big noting claims when they got in, to be transparent, as is evident from the fact that no one, not even a member of the NT Legislative Assembly can access any submissions, even anonymous ones. As a result, I consider this submission to be probably a waste of my time, as I do not expect the NT Government to take any notice at all of my concerns.

However, just in case that is not so, I am submitting it, and am also thinking of sending it to the NT News, so that it can actually be public.

Yours Sincerely,

Ernie Mitchell.