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To the Government of the Northern Territory.

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This kind of a bill is telling men that it's OK to objectify women and just make sex a transaction. This is morally wrong. We are sending our young men the wrong message. We should instead be teaching them to treat women with respect. Not just as some hired kind of sex slave.

Another big problem with this proposal is the lack of regulation around the whole idea. There is no protection for Indigenous people for example in this bill. There seems to be no restrictions around alcohol in the brothels. There aren't even any restrictions around where these brothels can be.

My suggestion instead is to decriminalise prostituted persons however still keep brothels illegal. This allows police to maintain a level of control around this area without putting people who may have been backed into a corner in life in a jail cell.

We should however offer help programs to women who have turned to prostitution (probably due to hard times). These programs could help these women learn job skills that could get them into the workforce and provide for their own needs in a much safer and healthier way.

This is better for the morals of our great Territory. It doesn't give young men the wrong idea about women and it can give these women another option.

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