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I write in support of the NT Bill to decriminalise sex work. I have a PhD that explores the sex industry in Queensland, and my findings mirror those of other researchers in finding that legalisation models (that is, those that do not fully decriminalise sex work) breach sex workers' human, industrial and health and safety rights, result in a two-tiered industry that forces workers underground and perpetuates stereotypes that stigmatise, harm and cause discrimination to sex workers.

The advertising laws in Queensland are not only restrictive, but are used as an excuse by police to harass and criminalise sex workers for other petty, minor, often arbitrary offences. The criminalisation of sex workers is life-long, resulting in reduced opportunities to leave the sex industry, gain employment elsewhere (should sex workers choose to do so) prevents them from being able to participate in the community as fully fledged citizens, despite paying taxes like other workers.

I strongly urge you to make decisions based on the evidence, not on outdated moral positions and stereotypes. In doing so I urge you to not restrict advertising, not certify brothels owners (as is unnecessary), to ensure that sex workers have access to anti-discrimination protections and that expungement of spent convictions occurs.

Yours sincerely

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