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The Chair

Economic  
Policy Scrutiny Committee

Dear  
Madam/Sir

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to legalise brothels and prostitution in the Northern Territory. Should this Bill be passed it will be the young children, teenage girls and the women in particular who will once again be left to carry the pain and suffering that results from the digressions of self-seeking and ill disciplines males.

The most vulnerable, those females dealing with poverty, addition, overcrowded housing, homelessness, domestic violence and unemployment, to name just a few of the issues they have to deal with on a daily basis, are more likely to suffer the consequences of this Bill if it is passed. It will not ease their situations but aggravate it.

Surely the Northern Territory Government has a better plan to improve the economic outlook that legislating brothels and prostitution. Working to improve housing, health and education for these people would be a far more efficient and long-lasting better health and economic policy. 'Let the NT lock the gate before the horse bolts rather than lock the gate after it has bolted.'

This proposed Bill leads me to wonder what the priorities of our Government are. I was of the understanding that our government wants to improve the quality of family life for all Territorians. We want a government and a society that supports those living and working in the Northern Territory. The Government should not bow to pressure from those who may fly in and fly out of the Northern Territory or just visit for a brief time to satisfy their own self-gratification.

Let the Northern Territory lead the way in reversing the order and making it illegal to seek the services of prostitutes and brothels.

Let us work toward a better Northern Territory where the vulnerable are protected from those who think money can buy them anything.

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