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To The Members.

EPSC.Darwin.

The proposal to legalise brothels and prostitution in the NT with a Sex Industry Bill 2019 is a sad reflection on the protection of women involved in the Sex Industry.

Prostitution is frequently a choice of last resort for women, poverty, drug addiction and even slavery lead to such a choice.

Men are the dominant consumer of said Sex Industry, so this Bill{proposed} is an affirmation of gender inequality.Women and girls bodies should not be a saleable item.

The proposed Bill offers no protection to women, girls and would interfere with existing powers of police, excluding involvement in sex industry oversight and investigation.

Adoption of the Human Rights model{Nordic Model} would be a more appropriate legislation to be introduced and would afford greater protection for females engaged in prostitution.

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