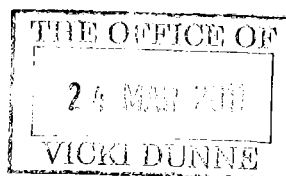


Dear Mrs Vicki Dunne,



re: Sex Industry Law Reform in the ACT

I am writing to you regarding the recently closed inquiry into the ACT's *Prostitution Control Act 1992*, and any proposed legislative changes which would afterwards be implemented.

I am a sex worker who lives in Victoria, but who regularly travels nationally in pursuit of work, including to the ACT. While working in the ACT I choose to work privately, as it affords me the greatest level of privacy, while providing me with the lowest level of overheads. As such, I work outside the legal framework outlined by the Prostitution Control Act 1992, which makes me a potential subject to criminal prosecution.

I choose to work unlicensed to minimise the stigma and discrimination I face due to dominant societal views regarding my occupation as a sex worker. When I first entered the sex industry I began the process of registering as a sexual service provider, and after personally experiencing discrimination and persecution at the hands of the police when seeking advice on registration, I made a conscious decision to remain unregistered to ensure my own health and safety.

Sex workers need to be consulted when inquiries and legislative changes are proposed and implemented regarding our industry, as we are the experts regarding our field and our rights. Legislation that is formulated without consultation with affected communities is based on media, religious and societal preconceptions. Sex industry law reform which fails to protect and consult sex workers would be met with strong resistance and low levels of compliance by sex workers, therefore placing sex workers health and safety at risk.

I would like to know what your parties policies regarding sex work are, and what legislative proposals your party is likely to support. I look forward to your reply,

Sincerely,



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