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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns with the ACT prostitution industry and ask that you please consider these points as you make the inquiry.

Any prostitution, including legal prostitution, violates human rights. That this practise is legal in a developed country like Australia astounds me. Since prostitution was legalised in Canberra, it has only increased the illegal sex industry. On top of this legalised prostitution allows for a greater opportunity for human trafficking.

I ask that more research is conducted into the actual impact that the sex industry has on: the women working there, including rates of physical abuse, mental health problems, relationship impacts and drug addictions; the impact on men; and the impact on families.

I ask that research is conducted into the need for exit support systems and safety measures for prostitutes seeking to leave the industry.

I ask that you consider the Swedish model of prostitution- where they have criminalised the purchasing of sexual services. The theory behind this is to decrease the demand for payed sex, thus limiting the need for the sex industry and human trafficking. This ban has now been in force for over ten years and has had much success.

Prostitution degrades our whole society. The fact that what is supposed to be a loving act between two consenting adults can be payed for and exploited in such a way is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time,
Elskien Eschauzier