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I am a university student currently studying international studies. Through out the degree we have learnt about sex trafficking and so on. However I felt safe and priviledged thinking that we (my sisters, aunties, mum, friends) are safe from such activity. That the capital city of Australia is a safe place.

I was so wrong. It breaks my heart to see that this kind of thing is happening in our very own backyards.

I suggest that more research needs to be done to discover what actual impact the industry has on the girls including rates of physical abuse, mental health problems, links to child abuse, drug addictions, criminal links, post-effects, health risks of clients, relationship impacts, socio-economic and geographical origins, as well as the impact on men and families.

The 'Swedish Model' has shown that numbers have dropped since making prostitution illegal. What kind of message are we sending to the next generation of girls and boys? That it is okay to pay to have sex with someone, that the sexual acts the girl can give you is more important then her own well being?

As a developed nation we have the resources to make a change in the world, to lead the way in protecting the safety of our women and girls.

There is no easy solution to this, but one thing we do have is time. Enough time to change the future for us, but not enough time to save the girls who have already been hurt.

Regards,
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