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Hello,

My name is Jane Reeve, and I am a Registered Nurse. I have heard about your call for submissions after the death of a teenager in the Fyshwick brothel. Thankyou for asking for submissions on this subject. The Supply and Demand principle means that whilst demand for prostitutes is high, this industry will keep getting bigger. We all know that prostitution objectises and victimises the women involved, and is an impossible industry to regulate well in a way that cares for and protects these women. Legalising prostitution was a bad move in the first place, because it provides an easy way to traffic women and this cannot be regulated. I also think there needs to be proper research into the effects of prostitution on prostitutes, such as mental illness, post-traumatic stress, self-esteem issues, increased drug addiction and child abuse, and family health issues, as well as research into the effect of prostitution on the well-being of the families of the men involved. To have legalised this industry before doing this research, even if it is based in other countries, I think was irresponsible of our government. In the end I think making prostitution a crime for which people can be prosecuted, and our police and legal systems actually DOING this, as opposed to turning a blind eye like they did when it was illegal, would be a much better solution. It would reduce the industry not increase it, and therefore reduce the capacity for sex trafficking and abuse of women, and protect the building blocks of our society, the family. Please consider this. Also may I suggest exit programs to help women get out of the industry. The government will definitely be able to help here. Thankyou.

Jane Reeve

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