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To ALL whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern about Canberra's Sex Industry.

This goes against families and relationships. It tears them apart.

Since Canberra legalised prostitution there seems to be an increase in the illegal sex industry. This, I believe, was the very thing that the legislation was supposed to stop. But it hasn't. It has actually made it happen.

The safety of women and girls should be your main goal, but legalising prostitution has increased their risk in so many areas. In physical abuse, mental health problems, there have been links to child abuse, drug addictions and related crimes, relationship problems, and I'm sure these are just a few.

I am saddened when I think of that young girl being found dead in a brothel in Fyshwick back in 2008. This should never have happened.

Legalised brothels cause human trafficking because greedy people want to expand their businesses, even if it means doing it illegally, so they have to go into human trafficking to do that. This has been seen overseas and we all have read about it in horror. Now it is right in our backyard. Something needs to be done.

I believe that prostitution should be stamped out in Canberra. I believe that it does not provide equality and safety for women in Canberra, thereby lacking the protection of human rights promised in other ACT legislation. I believe the Government should stand up and take a stand against prostitution because it's the right and moral thing to do. It should seriously consider the "Swedish model" which has had great success. They view women in prostitution primarily as victims, and seeks to prosecute the purchaser of sex, that is the one who creates demand, rather than the supplier.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sandra MacDonald
Concerned Citizen



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