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Dear Sir/Madam,

The legalisation of brothels in ACT does not foster women's safety and therefore is contravening other legislation that promises protection of human rights.

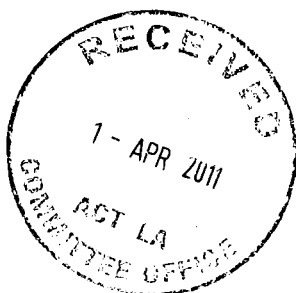
Prostitution, legal or not, engenders abuse, mental health issues, drug addiction and criminal activity. Not to mention the impact on the men who use these "services".

In the press we are seeing examples in VIC and NSW where women are being trafficked into legalised brothels and local councils are being intimidated by these criminals. One can only suppose this activity is going on in all states and territories – the profits are too high to doubt it.

There are reportedly 27 million women of child-bearing age and children in the world who have been trafficked. Shockingly, some of these people are reportedly being trafficked into Australia. I am ashamed to be an Australian if we have loop-holes in our laws that allow such atrocities to take place. These women are somebody's daughter, sister or neice.

I would like to see Australia adopt the model used in Sweden and Korea, where prostitution is considered a human rights issue, men are prosecuted for the purchase of sex for this is an abuse of women.

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