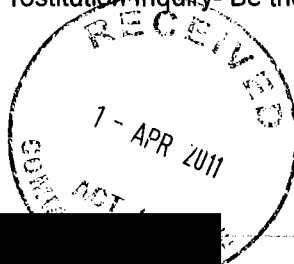


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To whom it may concern,

I have major concerns with the Prostitution in the ACT, in fact anywhere, for a number of reasons.

1. I have had a few people I know who have come out of the Sex industry, which a miracle in itself, Bronwen Healy, who runs HOPE foundation in Brisbane for this very reason to help Women get back on their feet again, AMAZING! Charlotte & Danielle & their stories/experiences are not nice. Young woman do not go into Prostitution unless there are some major issues!!! such as, the fact there has been sexual abuse in there back ground, therefore don't care about who they have sex with, it has no value anymore, so may as well get paid for it. Or the drug addict who is willing to do anything to get money for the next fix! what about the fact that many of these women do try to get out of prostitution, they say 7-8 times before they may get out. But then there is nothing for them to go to? The problem is much bigger than we think & if they think they are going to open up in regular suburbs for sex workers, your opening Pandora's box! and as if it isn't already happening to some degree. I know of a girl who worked in a brothel as a driver, taking girls to "work" & back, but she had noticed that in the brothel there was a door that was always locked & very few had access too. one day the door was slightly open, she had a peep & said she saw children!
2. Illegal sex has grown since the legal industry has grown, trafficking HAS increased, lets not turn a blind eye to it!!!
3. There is no Equality in the sex industry- the fact there is human trafficking is involved in this industry (fact), there is Abuse involved (fact), Drugs, Crime... is this really an equal opportunity kind of job??? well would you do it & why not??? would you want your daughters to aspire to be prostitutes? then why the would you condone it! Slaves have increased more than ever, high percentage of that is sex slavery!!! AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN!!! would you sit by and let someone take your daughter or son (demand for all the pedophiles) into slavery!!! I know that some woman choose the this profession, but its not a healthy woman that does?
4. Need for more research the whole industry ie Porn industry= prostitution=Divorce=broken families= hurt children= anger = crime increase...
need to deal with the problem= Porn=prostitution= abuse....
why not spend more time helping people with abuse, with marriage problems, take prostitution out all together or just keep watching our country go down the gurgler, with more crime against woman & children
5. Exit Programs- there is a need for government funded Exit programs to help girls & guys who want to get out of the industry, some have no qualification, get them counselling as they have found that often ex prostitutes show signs of post trauma to the same effect as soldiers that have been on ground in war, interesting!
6. "swedish model" I would love to see this way of dealing with Prostitution in our city & country where your dealing with the real problem, the demand! in sweden now they only have 400-600 where as the neighbouring countries around 17,000 prostitutes. they have made it illegal & instead of prosecuting the prostitutes they prosecute the users, pimps, madams, traffickers...that stops the demand. they have realised the benefits of this all round for their country.
7. I believe we can take it a step further, where we deal with the route of the issue which IS PORN Industry! this allows ppl to view women as sexual objects & plays with their imaginations & takes them down a spiral as it is known that it is insatiable, never satisfies, but addictive. So it might start off light, but then gets boring & needs something a bit more heavier to satisfy, only to get bored again, till they then may need to act it out example-prostitution, then boring,

then abuse, then children, animals only as example, not all go to that extreme, but you would be very surprised how many actually do!!! in fact Serial killer Ted Bundy explains this path way that got him into wanting to kill women. He states that it all began i think around the age of 12yrs when he picked up a porn magazine & was immediatley addicted & led him down a pathway. he also states that he grew up in a very healthy environment, so looks back as the porn being the beginning of his journey in becoming a serial killer. At the end of the day there are plenty of facts out there if we dare to look, so i am asking, Dare to!!!

"All it takes for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing!"

Facts to go to-

Women's forum Australia- http://www.womensforumaustralia.com/webapp/1093070/Prostitution_and_Trafficking

<http://www.womensforumaustralia.com/literature/40555/Prostitution>

From A21 Campaign-

Demand for Prostitutes:

"The prevalence of sexually transmitted disease, emotional breakdowns, violence-induced injuries, pregnancy and constant demand for young and 'innocent' women have created high turnover rates in the sex industry. This high demand creates a strong market for migrant and trafficked women. Whilst this demand is facilitated by brothels, pimps, clubs and bars owners, it originates from the clients". [23] Ultimately, the whole human trafficking network comes down to the clients who pay for sex, and as long as they continue to offer their money; the multi-billion dollar sex trafficking industry will flourish.

International Organized Crime:

Generating US\$12 billion annually, trafficking in women has become the second largest global organized crime today.[18] Criminals formally involved in illegal drugs and weapons trafficking are finding that profit margins are higher in human trafficking and are now using their extensive networks and well-worn trade routes for sex trafficking.[19] In the Soviet Bloc, shadow economies were relied upon under communism to supply necessary goods and services undersupplied by the state.[20] However, since the fall of communism, these shadow economies have quickly grown and mutated, absorbing desperately unemployed men and women as both traffickers and the victims of trafficking.[21] Additionally, corruption amongst border officers, police, soldiers, and government officials undergirds and sustains human trafficking.[22]

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http://www.thea21campaign.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=328&Itemid=317&lang=en

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http://projectrespect.org.au/our_work/trafficking/why_australia

http://projectrespect.org.au/our_work/trafficking/why_stay

There is a lot more I could say, but that will do,

Thanks for taking the time, Please care,

Johanna Haavisto