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13 AUGUST 2024

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10. **NOTICE OF MOTION - CRIMINAL CODE (DECRIMINALISING SEX WORK) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024**

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the implications of the legislation change as a result of the Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 as it relates to Council's planning controls, advertising and any prohibited uses for example proximity to schools, churches etc.

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ITEM: 10

FROM: COUNCILLOR PAUL TULLY

RE: NOTICE OF MOTION - CRIMINAL CODE (DECRIMINALISING SEX WORK) AND
OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024

DATE: 6 AUGUST 2024

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MOTION

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BACKGROUND

On 15 February 2024 the [Criminal Code \(Decriminalising Sex Work\) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#) was introduced into Queensland Parliament by the Honourable Yvette D'Ath, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. On 2 May 2024 the [Criminal Code \(Decriminalising Sex Work\) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024](#) (the Amendment Act) was passed by Queensland Parliament and commenced on 2 August 2024.

The Amendment Act establishes a legal framework to provide a safe, decriminalised sex work industry in Queensland to improve the health, safety, rights and legal protections for sex workers.

The Amendment Act:

- decriminalises the sex work industry in Queensland
- repeals existing criminal offences relating to sex work
- removes the requirement for brothels to be licensed
- creates new offences for the protection of sex workers and children
- strengthens the protection of all sex workers from unfair discrimination

- prevents local governments from making local laws specifically about the regulation of sex work.

Under the decriminalised framework, sex work businesses will be captured by regulatory requirements which apply to other businesses operating in Queensland.