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By email: elizabeth.caballero@womenspeaktas.au

Dear Dr Caballero

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2026, on behalf of Women Speak Tasmania, calling for a review of the *Sex Industry Offences Act 2005*.

I appreciate your detailed correspondence, including the account describing firsthand experiences interstate from a sex worker that are extremely concerning.

I can assure you that the Government does not support calls for the decriminalisation of brothels. The Tasmanian Government takes the safety, dignity and wellbeing of women and girls, and the prevention of exploitation, violence and abuse, very seriously.

Importantly, the *Sex Industry Offences Act 2005* criminalises intimidation, threats, assault, and unreasonable or unfair pressure directed at sex workers. General criminal law offences also apply to all victims of crime.

While I acknowledge the concerns raised in your correspondence, which highlight the complex and sensitive nature of this policy area, a review of the *Sex Industry Offences Act 2005* is not currently planned, noting that due to the current makeup of the Parliament any legislation presented to the House of Assembly could be amended in ways that would not be supported by the Government or produce the better outcomes for vulnerable women that you are advocating for.

Yours sincerely

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