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To whom it may concern

Regarding return to work provisions, my colleagues and I require clear legislation about this.

Safe Work Australia (2014) defines personal protective equipment as anything used or worn by a person to minimise risk to the person's health or safety. Thus Adult Entertainment venues as an interim measure could implement the below until a more effective way of controlling the risk is known, or the COVID-19 spread stops. Whichever happens first.

Here is what I propose on behalf of myself and my colleagues:

- Temperature checks for all clientele to enter premises (and staff), for brothels and strip clubs
- A clear statement written on the parlour and /or strip club website, as well as signage outlining social distancing practices within an Adult venue
- Capped patrons
- Staff training, management and/or security (any staff who work within the establishment) to implement COVID-safe practices. We could ensure high standards for cleaning and set up protective measures and established procedures.
- Cleaning tasks to be performed similar to that of a clinical setting.

As per the recommendations on the Department of human Health and Services website, in addition to this, all venues and service providers would;

- Do not provide the service to someone who has flu-like symptoms, is feverish, has been in contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 14 days.
- Display clear signs for clients to read on entry or provide information handouts about how you are going to protect their safety and your own.
- Do not work if you are unwell. Send any sick staff home.

As other personal services re-open, and have these new measures in place, it is only practical and fair that Adult Entertainment venues have them too.

Reopening the Adult Industry would further stimulate the economy as we contribute significantly to both small and large businesses.

If legislation is not implemented for our safe and fair return to work, marginalised women with no choice, may potentially do so at their own risk and without the protection of brothels. 'These well-documented risks include sexual harassment, rape, and rape without a condom' (Cited in Farley, M. Silbert, Pines, and Lynch 1982).

I urge you to consider this.

I may be contacted at any time via this email.

With warmest Regards

References

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Stay well and happy!

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