



Prostitution

Australian Christians protects the value and dignity of every person, irrespective of gender. It declares that prostitution is an ancient form of slavery and exploitation.

There is no such thing as a safe environment for prostitution; exposing individuals to the fetishes of others may break many of the normal occupational health and safety requirements that are applied to other industries and requires a destructive division of the whole person.

We refer to the extensive work by Kajsa Ekis Ekman author of “Being and Being Bought: Prostitution, Surrogacy and the Split”. Ekis Ekman argues that the self must be split from the body to make it possible to sell your body without selling yourself. The body becomes sex. Sex becomes a service. Ekman notes ‘the story of the sex worker says: the split self is not only possible, it is the ideal.’

Australian Christians supports the provision of safe exit strategies for those currently involved in prostitution and the development of legislation based on the Nordic Model. The Nordic Model prosecutes those who use prostitutes, thus discouraging men from harassing women in the street. Legalising brothels only increases the demand for sex and therefore the number of prostitutes in this dangerous trade. Our policy is based on a desire to protect those who are being exploited, support the family structure and ensure that marriage, men and women, are not harmed by prostitution.