

Aart Brons
C.E.O Northern Belle Pty Ltd

17-12-2010

RE: C.M.C's REVIEW OF THE PROSTITUTION ACT 1999.

Att: Acting Deputy Director Wendy Harris
and to All members of the project team earmarked "Prostitution Act Review 2010"

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

My submission on behalf of Northern Belle Pty Ltd is as put in previous correspondence to:

- 1 P.L.A , [REDACTED]
- 2 P.E.T.F [REDACTED]
- 3 Minister for Local Government The Hon Desley Boyle
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 Lawyers weekly

(A) The emphasis is **strictly** upon **ALL** advertising within the Queensland sex industry to be done with "**LAND LINE PHONE NUMBER ONLY**", and **ALL Web-sites** used to advertise must have a (.COM. AU) attached to it. **(MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS, and .COM only Domain names SHOULD BE BANNED)**

(B) The amended Prostitution Act to Section 63A, and 64 in 2001 **have clearly not worked** in "Aart Brons ver Cairns City Council", and should there for be further amended to give more power to "The Independent Assessor" created within Section 64 of that act. (As submitted by the P.L.A) [REDACTED]

So as to prevent the clogging up of the court system, and there for leave a clear passage for future brothel applications.

It is our respectful view that this matter involves a "STATE ISSUE" in ensuring there is an afficiant, effective, accountable Planning and development system, and in the I.D.A.S. Code for licenced brothels.

My submission has all five principles underlying the act in mind, and there for insist it be published on the C.M.C Web-site (All be it to you in hard copy format)

If my submission needs to be further explained I am prepared to take an interview by phone or in person

Kind regards


Aart Brons
Brothel owner and licensee

Aart Brons
C.E.O. Northern Belle Pty Ltd

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

25 June 2010.

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the time spent during your compliance visit at Northern Belle on the [REDACTED] and the conversation we had and in particular the point about all advertising to be restricted to a LAND LINE phone number only.

I thought it might be helpful for you to read Northern Belle's submission put to [REDACTED] back on the 28 Dec 2007, and some information put to the P.L.A within that time frame, before you write your own report on the matter as promised.

Hoping that it will be of some assistance.

Kind regards

Aart Brons

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The Prostitution Licensing Authority
GPO Box 3196
Brisbane Q 4001

28 December 2007

Attention: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

If Northern Belle's submission needs to be further explained we think it of such importance that myself and [REDACTED] are well prepared to take an appointment with the board and fly down to Brisbane to address that meeting.

Kind Regards

Aart Brons
CEO
Northern Belle

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- 1 If license fees needed to be raised, as the industry needs to be self funding, there also needs to be an incentive for legal brothels to be viable and to make a profit so as to grow from the 23 licensed brothels so far, to the approximated 90 brothels needed to fund itself.
- 2 Restricted and controlled advertising could halt or stop the illegal escort industry from having such a strong hold and flourishing. Advertising as is and or suggested by the PLA opens up a can of worms, and will let the horse bolt if it hasn't already bolted. Further restriction and not relaxation should be the way forward.
- 3 Solo operating (from fixed address) and escort services is where the unfairness is most prominent.
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 An example and a more true reflection of the number of genuine solo operators is in the yellow pages under Cairns Escort Services [REDACTED] and even in "it" there is a question mark...or two!
- 6 Solo operating advertisements should read - name and number only from fixed address (when placing an ad) and attached to a landline phone number only, (just like it was in the beginning before mobile phones back in 1991) and just like legal brothels have to in 2007.
- 7 Cairns and Northern Belle can do well without illegal imported escorts from interstate and or overseas, working from hotels, motels, resorts and or holiday apartments for a short period of time with half a dozen or so mobile phones, to be replaced and rotated by the next incoming lot.
- 8 Therefore escort services should be outlawed and made illegal (criminalized) just as street soliciting is, and clients should be held co-responsible for the illegal deed.
- 9 Any hotel, motel, short term holiday apartments and resort owners (knowingly) participating in prostitution are 'living off the earnings'.
- 10 Effective restricted advertising, thoroughly policed by the PETF, can and will help shut down the illegal organized escort industry. An example for the PLA and PETF to follow could be as per attachment 'C'.

The statistics on Sexually transmitted diseases at [redacted] is on the way up, apposed to the national trend which is down and that in itself should be off extreme concern. [redacted]

To be able to police the breeches in advertising promptly and fairly by the P.E.T.F. there should be no difference between legal brothels and legal solo operators, so therefore both must be in the know, healthy, work from a fixed address, and be attached to a land phone line, so as to stop being able to work from the boot of a automobile, with a half a dozen or so mobile phones.

If the 'easy fix solution' were to be implemented it would also take the blame (if any) away from the legal sex industry and put that increase, in statistics, purely and solely on the tourist industry and or community sexual health education.

We at Northern Belle sincerely hope that something positive will come from this window of opportunity as it is pivotal to our survival.

No legal brothel should have to supplement the escort industry, be it legal or illegal through its license fees, and then have to occur a financial loss because of it. Just to have solo operating unaccountable and mainly unchecked. [redacted]

Kind regards

A & W Brons

Licensees
Northern Belle
Cairns

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The only way we can resolve Northern Belle's Plight is if:

- 1 There is a push for CMC recommendation to criminalize outcalls (escort) as part of the legislation.
- 2 In the meantime regulate, through advertising restrictions, by implementing the 'easy fix solution' presented in Northern Belle's Advertising Submission.
- 3 Remember that if you can not advertise then there is no way for a potential client to know who to call therefore 'no business is out of business.'
- 4 The above would create a slow down in numbers of solo operators, be it legal or illegal, and therefore have a natural flow on affect to bring that business to where it belongs. A safer alternative and that are legal 'highly regulated' licensed brothels.

Australia has a three tiered Government - Federal: State: Local.

Local government's prime responsibility is the safety and well being of its community through its services paid for by council rates.

Sexual Health should be on that list. The statistics are up, as reported through the [redacted] at the [redacted] [redacted] contradicting the national trend. [redacted]

Why are the local authorities (local government local police and local C.I.B) not dealing with this internal sexual health and criminal problem.

To have a local newspaper make a turnover of approx 2.5 million dollars per annum from classifieds listed under Adult Entertainment, of which the CMC reports as being 75% illegal and Northern Belle reports as having now grown to more than 90%, is unbearable.

The question is... How can a legal, highly regulated, and therefore very costly, brothel compete with - mainly unchecked uncontrolled and unregulated solo operators working from hotels, motels and resorts with up to half a dozen or so mobile phones?

The C.M.C should be asked to look into this problem

If the 'easy fix solution' is not embraced and or any other suggested idea by the PLA are not to the forthcoming... Northern Belle sees a bleak future.

[redacted]

[redacted]

To the prostitution Licensing Authority:

All licensed Brothels. yes all 24 (and diminishing) are singing the same song...

Illegal organised syndicated escort services are killing us

Northern Belle would easily survive if a little squeeze were to be given to the solo operating side of the industry (without having to amend the law at all).

If only ONE item would be addressed and implemented from the 'easy fix solution' and that is to Ban Mobile Phone Numbers and advertise with landline only.

- (1) To be able to police more direct whether SP is working with current health certificate.
- (2) It would make it much harder to work from any other but a fixed address.
- (3) It would therefore have a natural flow on affect to the safer and legal alternative being ... Legal (highly regulated) licensed Brothels

Kind regards

Aart brons

16-09-09

To the Hon Minister for local government Desley Boyle.

Dear Desley,

I am absolutely disappointed that you did not take this opportunity to right - wrong, and I WILL be putting this matter as advised by you to the Ombudsman, and thank you for that advice.

In the meantime I am still waiting for response to my letter sent to your Ministry to the attention of the Hon Desley Boyle on the 13-08-09. [REDACTED]

This needs urgent attention as I have also put this matter to the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and to the attention of [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED]

Section 63A & 64 of the prostitution act needs to be sorted because (refer to [REDACTED] and there for

"AS IS" leaves Councils to be able to remain "narrow minded" as per "withheld letter" from the authority.

and or as "The Aardvark" calls it "fraudulently diverting the cause of justice!!"

As you are aware of the fact that the prostitution act amendments are before you as we speak.

Section 63A & 64 of the act should therefore be of particular interest to you as now being the

Minister for local Government, and should (in my opinion) be included to the amendments currently before

Parliament as to give more power to the "Independent Assessor" as also submitted by the

Prostitution Licensing Authority [REDACTED]

The law should never have to be tested again. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Remember you were also asked by me Aart Brons to intervene back in January of 2001 [REDACTED]

This matter is crying out for a "brothel type", and or as the L & P is calling for a "royal inquiry".

(So if not addressed the act is bound to remain flawed.)

Kind regards

Aart "The Aardvark" Brons.

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Happy Birthday Brothels – 10th anniversary of prostitution regulation in Queensland

Research by UQ's Human Trafficking Working Group, led by a law academic, has found that after 10 years of brothel licensing in Queensland, most of the state's prostitution industry remains unregulated or illegal.



10 Years Of Prostitution Regulation in Queensland. September 21, 2009 [click for more](#)

These findings will be the topic of a University of Queensland public lecture, *Happy Birthday Brothels*, taking place at 5.30pm on Monday September 21 as part of UQ's Research Week.

Together with a team of students, TC Beirne School of Law Associate Professor Andreas Schloenhardt has undertaken a review of patterns in contemporary prostitution in Queensland, 10 years after the application of the *Prostitution Act 1999*.

"Current legislation is very restricted and limited to the operation of legal brothels and to services offered by sole operators outside public spaces. This accounts for only 10 percent of Queensland's prostitution industry and does not include escort agencies (outcall prostitution offered by brothels or other agencies), street prostitution, and the operation of unlicensed brothels, including the sharing of premises by more than one sex worker. These activities, some 90% of the prostitution industry, remain either unregulated or illegal," Dr Schloenhardt said.

Despite general support for a licensed sex industry in Queensland, Dr Schloenhardt said many underlying concerns remained.

"There are concerns within the community about the efficiency of the current licensing system, unregulated and illegal forms of prostitution, the trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation into legal and illegal brothels, as well as the possibility of regulating escort services. The public lecture on September 21 explores these concerns in the context of the stated goals and practical operation of prostitution regulation in Queensland."

Dr Schloenhardt said that a Queensland government report has also noted that the spirit of the *Prostitution Act 1999*, which was to draw as many of the illegal operators and workers as possible into the legal industry, has clearly failed. Legalising some parts of the industry, while policing and suppressing illegal forms of prostitution has not eliminated the existence of, and demand for, illegal brothels, escort agencies, and street prostitution. Also contributing to the relatively high levels of illegal prostitution is the fact that prosecutions and convictions of offenders are few and far between.

The public lecture will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009, 5:30pm, at UQ's St Lucia campus, Steele Building (Building 3), Room 206.

For more information about the public lecture visit www.law.uq.edu.au/humantrafficking

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Att: [REDACTED]

10 -09-2009

Dear [REDACTED],

As brought to my attention via your E- Mail sent to me
On the 4 Sept 2009. Subject: Re "How Northern Belle brothel got here"

I sincerely thank you for asking your assistants to explore the points
I rose so far. **(Section 63A of the prostitution act needs to be sorted!!!)**
[REDACTED]

To assist further I think you will find that a submission put to [REDACTED]
of the Prostitution Licensing Authority (P.L.A.) by Northern Belle Pty.Ltd back on the
28 Dec 2007 will clarify our view and stance as we speak, and may help in
highlighting the most important point of **a fixed telephone land line for advertising
purposes only** by all parties concerned, **as to make it a level playing field.**
[REDACTED]

I am also "absolutely" available to assist further in your **Quest** to glean the law
correct.

Hoping to hear from you, I am your servant.

Kind regards

Aart "The Aardvark" Brons.

Brothel licensee and Co- owner.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Aart Brons.
[REDACTED]
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04-06-2010

To the Hon Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As advised by the Senior policy Advisor to the Hon Premier Anna Bligh, and according to the ammended prostitution act 2001, as in having **NO** satisfaction in my request to the C.M.C for a review for an inquiry into wrongdoing as in " Fraud & Perjury ".

It is my respectful view that this matter involves a "State Issue" in ensuring there is an efficient, effective, accountable planning and development system, and in the I.D.A.S Code for licensed brothels.

I am there for now asking for a Royal Inquiry into Cairns Local Government, and am accusing them for having "Fraudulently dealt behind closed doors " in their ordinary meeting held on the 22-07-2004 [REDACTED]

Very important **Democratic** questions "to rule of law" remain unanswered.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It is absolutely vital that the community of Cairns have confidence in our Planning department, and in Councils dealings with it [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It is also vital to expose past wrongdoing so that the prostitution law maybe addressed, and ammended in accordance.

Hoping to hear from you soon on this very important and urgent matter.

Kind regards
Aart Brons.

C.E.O Northern Bell Pty Ltd

Aart Brons
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

16 June 2010

To the [REDACTED] Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee.
Or to anyone else whom this might concern.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter from the committee's "Research Director" [REDACTED] sent on the 10 June 2010, but find the response unsatisfactory and indeed very hasty.

It goes somewhat towards addressing my allegations, however I am certainly not asking the committee to review my initial development application.

I have however asked absolutely for the C.M.C to inquire about Cairns Local Government "fraudulently Dealing behind Closed doors" as in Cairns Council's Planning department "withholding vital, critical information" pivotal to my building application in their "Planning Report" to Council's ordinary meeting held on the 22 July 2004
[REDACTED]

This vital and pivotal information "withheld" was from the State Government's appointed "Third party referral agency" to my building application as in the "Prostitution licensing Authority" [REDACTED]

I there for ask you to review the decision made by the Research Director and urge you to go along with my findings in that the explanation given by the C.M.C not to investigate further into such a serious allegation lacks commitment and a "Duty of Care".

The costs to Cairns ratepayers through Cairns Local Government "Fraudulently dealing behind closed doors", and then sending the issue to the Planning and environment court was in excess of \$ 51,000.00 [REDACTED]
Council LOST and waisted precious time and resource, this needs to be clarified.

I urge you to re-direct the C.M.C to inquire this most important "State Issue" if not then there should indeed be a "Royal inquiry" as to why not ?

Kind regards

Aart "The Aardvark" Brons
Brothel owner and licensee
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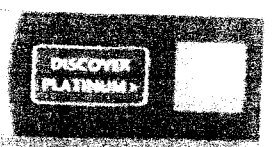
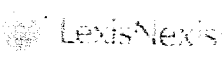
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By

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New Queensland prostitution laws questioned

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The Bligh Government has rushed "panicked prostitution law reform" through Parliament after "exposure of the explosion of illegal prostitution", said Opposition member Steve Dickson yesterday.

Queensland police minister Neil Roberts introduced legislation changes on Tuesday, including jail sentences of up to seven years for illegal brothel operators and seizure of assets.

Roberts said the Prostitution and Criminal Code Amendment Bill targeted illegal operators masquerading as social escort agencies.

"The Criminal Code currently contains a number of offences dealing with prostitution, but these offences target illegal brothels operating at a specific place. Businesses that masquerade under the guise of a social escort agency often rent office space to undertake activities other than the provision of prostitution, with prostitution provided elsewhere, limiting the ability of police to target and prosecute," he said

"The bill gives police the powers they need to effectively target and prosecute illegal prostitution providers - wherever they operate."

But Dickson said illegal prostitution had exploded in Queensland through the failure of State Government laws which penalised legal operators and let illegal operators off lightly when caught.

"Research by the University of Queensland's Professor Andreas Schloenhardt and others has found that only 10 per cent of Queensland sex workers operate in legal brothels, which confirms what many have been saying for some time - that our laws aren't working ... State laws are driving more and more sex workers onto our streets," he said.

Dickson said proper reforms should introduce heavy mandatory fines for illegal operators that were far higher than the \$2000 fines currently being handed down by courts.

"It makes a mockery of the system that legal brothels pay upwards of \$30,000 a year in government compliance fees and charges and yet when illegal operators are brought to court they are fined just \$2000 -as was the recent case on the Sunshine Coast," he said.

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Aart Brons wrote re: **New Queensland prostitution laws questioned**
on 09-28-2009 10:10 PM

Read the "latest letter to Val Schier Mayor of the Cairns Regional Council" dated 22-07-09 at the bottom of the "how we got here" page in [redacted] or at the bottom of the [redacted]

Wide spread corruption by local government is evident, and answers to some very important democratic questions are still outstanding.

Kind regards

Aart "The Aardvark" Brons

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