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Dear Mr Russo

I write to advise that I have been informed by the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice of her intention to refer the development of an appropriate regulatory framework for the sex industry to the Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC).

I also note that the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee is conducting a public hearing today in relation to the *Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* with stakeholders, such as Respect Inc and the Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association listed to appear.

Given the decision to refer this matter to the QLRC, the Premier has granted permission to remove proposed amendments to the *Prostitution Act 1999* from the *Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*.

You may wish to bring this matter to the attention of witnesses appearing at today's hearing.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
**Minister for Police and
Minister for Corrective Services**

