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## **Sad Day for Women in Victoria**

This week the status of women was reduced further in Victoria. Stage 1 of the decriminalisation of Prostitution commenced on 10 May 2022. These sad changes include:

- the decriminalisation of street-based sex work in most locations – Victorian daughters can now sell their bodies on the streets.
- the repeal of offences for working with a sexually transmitted infection and requirements to undergo regular STI testing – Now diseases can spread even faster.
- the repeal of offences for individual sex workers not using safer sex practices – Seems the Victorian government doesn't care about health and safety after all.
- changes to advertising controls applicable to the sex work industry – Victorian children will be able to see women being degraded for prostitution in advertisements.

Stage 2 of decriminalisation will commence in December 2023 and will include the remainder of the reforms, including the repeal of the sex work licencing system.

Surely our women deserve better than this!

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