

Sex workers Stepping Forward

A woman with long brown hair is sitting on a large, bright yellow crescent moon. She is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, a red skirt, blue jeans, and red high-heeled shoes. She is holding a small bouquet of flowers in her right hand. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a palm tree on the left side.

Dame Catherine Healy
New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective

History of the New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective

- Formed 1987 by sex workers for all sex workers.
- Rights based approach.
- Contracts with the Ministry of Health since 1988:
 - Community bases in 5 centres with sexual health clinics.
 - Extensive outreach around the country.
- Initiated the campaign to decriminalise sex work in New Zealand.

Previous law

- 5 years imprisonment
 - Brothel Keeping
 - Living on the earnings of a prostitute
 - Procuring someone to be a prostitute
- \$200 fine:
 - Soliciting for the purposes of prostitution in a public place.



The New Zealand Model

3 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to decriminalise prostitution (while not endorsing or morally sanctioning prostitution or its use) and to create a framework that—

- (a) safeguards the human rights of sex workers and protects them from exploitation:
- (b) promotes the welfare and occupational health and safety of sex workers:
- (c) is conducive to public health:
- (d) prohibits the use in prostitution of persons under 18 years of age:
- (e) implements certain other related reforms.

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Health and Safety in the*

New Zealand Sex Industry

Occupational Safety and Health

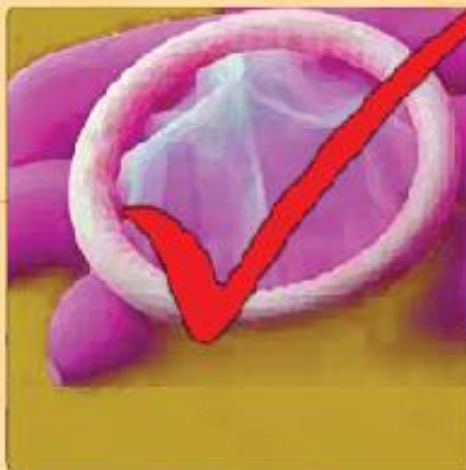
- Occupational Safety and Health designed this resource in collaboration with NZPC, sex workers, and sex work venue operators
- Covers sex worker health, workplace amenities, and psychosocial factors

Our right to say YES

Our right to say NO



YES Shower



YES Condom



NO Biting



NO Cameras



NO Force



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26 *Powers to enter and inspect compliance with health and safety requirements*

(1) An inspector may, at any reasonable time, enter premises for the purpose of carrying out an inspection if he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that a business of prostitution is being carried on in the premises.

(2) For the purposes of the inspection, the inspector may—

(a) conduct reasonable inspections:

(b) take photographs and measurements and make sketches and recordings:

(c) require any of the following persons to provide information or assistance reasonably required by the inspector:

(i) a person who operates the business of prostitution, or an employee or agent of that person:

(ii) a sex worker or client of the business of prostitution:

(d) take copies of the information referred to in paragraph (c).

(3) An inspector may seize and retain any thing in premises entered under this section that the inspector has reasonable grounds to believe will be evidence of the commission of an offence against [section 8](#) or [section 9](#).

(4) Nothing in this section limits or affects the privilege against self-incrimination.

(5) An inspector may take any person acting under the inspector's direct supervision into the premises to assist him or her with the inspection.

Police help short-changed sex worker

(NZ Herald, 10:51 AM Sunday Jul 13, 2014)

Police resolved a dispute between a sex worker and a client who refused to pay — by escorting the man to a cash machine to settle his \$100 bill.



Police settled the matter by driving the man home to get his wallet, taking him to an ATM and then delivering the cash to the worker.

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Får skadestånd efter trakasserier på bordell

STOCKHOLM. En prostituerad kvinna i Nya Zeeland har fått skadestånd för att ha blivit utsatt för sexuella trakasserier av en bordellägare. Sexarbetare hyllar beslutet som en milstolpe för att skydda prostituerades rättigheter.

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Människorättstribunalen som tillerkände kvinnan skadeståndet, på motsvarande 100 000 kronor, fick höra vittnesmål om att bordellägaren sagt att han kunde göra vad som föll honom i med kvinnor som arbetade för honom. I tre månaders tid hade han förminkat och skrämt den 22-åriga kvinnan, tills hon började känna sig osäker, blev deprimerad och tog sin tillflykt till alkohol, skriver AFP.

"Sexarbetare har samma rätt till skydd mot sexuella trakasserier som de som är verksamma i andra yrken", slog tribunalen fast i sitt beslut.

Catherine Healy, nationell koordinator på de nyskeändska sexarbetarnas organisation NZPC, sade att beslutet visar att landet blivit världsledande på mänskliga rättigheter för sexarbetare efter det att prostitution legaliserades 2003.

Det talar för avkriminalisering, det är ett betydelsefullt beslut eftersom det aldrig skulle kunna ha fattats när sexarbete var illegalt. Det visar den enorma förändring som branschen genomgått, sade hon enligt AFP.

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Receive compensation for harassment in brothel

STOCKHOLM. A prostitute in New Zealand has received compensation for having been the victim of sexual harassment by a brothel owner. Sex workers salute the decision as a milestone for the protection of prostitutes' rights.

Human Rights Tribunal which acknowledged the woman damages, the equivalent of 160 000, heard testimony on the brothel owner said that he could do what was on his mind with women who worked for him. In three months time, he had reduced and frightened 22-year-old woman, until she began to feel insecure, became depressed and took refuge in alcohol, writes AFP.

"Sex workers have the same right to protection against sexual harassment as those engaged in other occupations," the Court held in its decision.

Catherine Healy, national coordinator of the New Zealand sex workers organization NZPC, said the decision shows that the country has become the world leader in human rights for sex workers after prostitution was legalized in 2003.

It speaks for decriminalization, it is a significant decision because it could never have been reached when sex work was illegal. It shows the tremendous change that the industry has undergone, she said, according to AFP.

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Right of refusal

Table 6.3 Ability to refuse clients in last 12 months for Christchurch female 1999 and 2006 samples

	Christchurch 1999 %	Christchurch 2006 %
Felt that they had to accept a client when they didn't want to in last 12 months		
Street Workers	53	44
Managed Workers	58	45
Private Workers	63	38
Refused to do a client within the last 12 months		
Street Workers	85	82
Managed Workers	47	68
Private Workers	77	77

Section 17 of the PRA allows sex workers to refuse to provide sexual services to a client for any, or no, reason. They can also stop providing sexual services during a session.

Agencies that support decriminalisation of sex work

- World Health Organisation
- UNFPA
- UNAIDS
- UNDP
- Amnesty International



We are not alone



Romania



Nigeria

Outstanding Issues

- This sex work law explicitly excludes migrants who are on temporary visas – it is stigmatising and causes harm.
 - Only citizens and permanent residents may be sex workers.
- “Must take all reasonable steps to use a condom”:
 - sex workers, clients, and brothel operators can be fined.
- Does not include an anti-discrimination section
 - Legal to discriminate against sex workers.



Hey Ho! Let's Go!

Our right to say yes!

Our right to say no!

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