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Attention

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Dear Honourable members

Concern regard SA Law Reform Commission and support for Decriminalisation of Sex Work

The Sexual and Reproductive Justice Coalition is a national organisation of some 150 individuals/organisations who have signed on to a statement of intent regarding reproductive justice. We focus on five marginalised sexual and reproductive issues one of which is the support for the decriminalisation of sex work. One of our steering committee members is Dudu Dlamini from SWEAT/Sisonke. We also contract Leigh Davids from Sistazhood/SWEAT as a cross movement organiser to address the intersections of queer health, sex work and reproductive justice issues.

Our position stems from being informed from a reproductive justice perspective which appreciates the intersectional oppressions borne in particular by marginalised persons. Sex workers have informed our position and analysis noting how decriminalisation of sex work will assist in addressing their health care needs in particular to contribute towards remedying neglected areas including:

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- violence (reporting sexual assault);
- accessing sexual and reproductive health services without judgement (including screenings for cancers, contraception and abortion);
- access to HIV treatment and services

We are particularly concerned about the rigour, content and processes in the development of the SALC report and do not support their recommendations.

In addition we would like to continue to affirm our support for the MPWC and their position in support for the full decriminalisation of sex work.

Yours sincerely

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