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**From:** Moira Deeming  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 October 2021 3:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NOM

Hi [REDACTED]

Here is my wording for the NOM, a big thanks to [REDACTED] for all the help.

## Cr Deeming

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 25 October.

### Motion

That Council urgently undertake targeted market research within Melton about whether those residents view the Victorian Government's plan to allow prostitution on public streets and in residential zones positively or negatively.

Currently, prostitution is legal. It is only illegal in Victoria if it takes place outside industrial zones, and if it is not conducted in accordance with various other health and safety regulations.

However, the Victorian Government has announced that it will remove those safeguarding regulations to allow public street prostitution and home based brothels to operate with barely any oversight at all.

This issue is of particular concern given the scope, scale and impact for local streets, residential areas and commercial precincts in our municipality.

These changes have all been pursued by the Government without a proper consultation,

The consultation undertaken by the Victorian Government did not provide adequate time and scope for meaningful consultation with local councils and the broader community, without a planning and public health regulatory framework being in place, and without clear indications of any future planned frameworks.

We as a Council must step in and facilitate proper community consultation and seek the views of those most likely to be impacted by these laws. I move that Council:

1. Engage a dedicated market research company as soon as possible, to undertake a telephone survey seeking views on the government's plans from Melton residents, no less than 80% of whom must be either parents or grandparents of children under 17 years of age, and/or commercially zoned business owners.
2. That the survey scope and question framework be drafted and presented to Councillors for feedback as soon as possible, and be underpinned by the following:
  - a. Views on whether prostitution should be restricted to commercial zones, or allowed on public streets and in homes.
  - b. Views on the potential impact on child safety (especially those children living in close proximity to inside homes with prostitution occurring), community and neighbourhood safety and general neighbourhood living.
  - c. Views on the potential impacts on retail and commercial precincts including general amenity, safety and economic viability.

- d. Views on whether prostitution should remain restricted to Industrial areas and the goal of increased safety for prostitutes be achieved by via other means, such as increased police, health and counselling resources for prostitutes.
3. That the results of the survey, along with our Council letters on this issue, form the basis of a report to be published on our website, and sent to every Member of Parliament, especially the responsible Minister- with the aim of aiding the government in their current and future decision making processes.

Kind regards,

**Cr Moira Deeming**

Watts Ward Councillor | **Melton City Council**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 October 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** Moira Deeming <Moirad@melton.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: notice of motion to be drafted

Hi Cr Deeming

Draft of the Notice of Motion attached. Will give you a call to discuss. The actual consultation period for the Bill is closed. A link to the relevant section on the Victorian Government is here: [Decriminalising sex work in Victoria | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/decriminalising-sex-work-in-victoria)

Apparently the Bill is before Parliament. Have framed the motion based on our discussion yesterday and some context to Council's submission relating to this.

**Cr Deeming**

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 25 October.

**Motion**

That Council undertake market research with our community and local businesses on the plans by the Victorian Government to decriminalise sex work. Currently sex work is regulated under a legalised model, which means sex work is only legal if it takes place under certain conditions set out in the Sex Work Act 1994. The Victorian Government is planning to decriminalise sex work which will make sex work legal in most locations across Victoria. This is concerning as it is proposed to decriminalise sex work without a proper planning and public health regulatory framework being in place. This will enable sex work to be available in a variety of locations without clear indications of what frameworks will be in place and is of particular concern given the scope, scale and impact for local streets, residential areas and commercial precincts in our municipality.

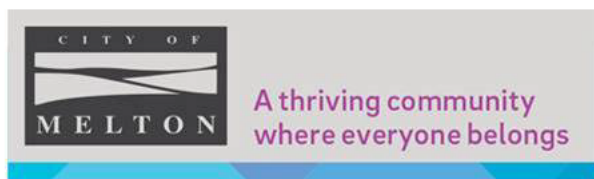
The consultation undertaken by the Victorian Government did not provide adequate time and scope for meaningful consultation with local councils and the broader community. To seek community views on this important issue, I move that Council:

1. Engage a dedicated market research company to undertake a telephone survey to seek representative views on this proposal from our community, including families with children and our business community.

2. That the survey scope and question framework be drafted and presented to Councillors for feedback and to be underpinned by the following:
  - a. Views on whether the community and local businesses agree with the proposed decriminalisation of sex work.
  - b. Views on the potential impact on community and neighbourhood safety and general neighbourhood living
  - c. Views on the potential impacts on retail and commercial precincts including community safety and economic viability
  - d. Broader views regarding the implications of the decriminalisation of sex work
3. That the results of the survey form the basis of a report to local Members of Parliament and the responsible Minister to present a representative view from the Melton community and local businesses on this proposed Bill that can be considered in the decision making process.

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From: Moira Deeming <[MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au)>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 October 2021 11:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: notice of motion to be drafted

Hi [REDACTED]

I haven't seen anything come through as yet, is everything ok?

**Cr Moira Deeming**

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 19 October 2021 3:49 PM

**To:** Moira Deeming <[MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: notice of motion to be drafted

Will give you a call shortly – in meeting

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 October 2021 3:44 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: notice of motion to be drafted

Hi [REDACTED]

I didn't realise my internet was down.

Can I call you now?

**Cr Moira Deeming**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 October 2021 9:13 AM

**To:** Moira Deeming <[MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:MoiraD@melton.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** FW: notice of motion to be drafted

Hi Councillor Deeming

I have left a message on your mobile phone for you to give me a call regarding below Notice of Motion – please give me a call on my mobile to discuss.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

**Subject:** notice of motion to be drafted

Can you please contact Cr Deeming in respect to a Notice of Motion that needs to be lodged by noon tomorrow. It is in respect to a poll being undertaken seeking support towards Councils position opposing the Introduction of Sex Work Decriminalisation Bill 2021.

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[REDACTED]



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