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S.A. Women sex workers With a bill to decriminalise see work currently before Parliament, Lyndoch grazier, poet and mental health activist. Tim Barrith as renewed his call for sex work reform.

'I never set foot in a brothel until sometime after I started living alone,' said Tim, who has been advocating for the rights of sex workers for nearly a decade.

"Someone said it was illegal, I made some enquiries and ended up 'siting' on the steps of Parliament House for three whole days from November 2010, supporting the then sex work reform bill."

For three years Tim was a casual client of the sex industry network at six brothels in and around Adelaide.

"I was always treated with courtesy, love, respect, and dignity, and never felt unsafe, or that I was in contact 'with criminal activity', he said.
"I never suspected anyone was under-By Mel Jaunay

ne said.

"I never suspected anyone was underage, under the influence of drugs, nicotine
excepted, had been 'trafficked', or was
working against their will. I always got
the service I negotiated and the full time
I paid for."

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Tim wrote a small booklet of poems for sex workers and clients, titled It wasn't just because you called me Darling, "penned by an Old Timer, Clumsy Hearted

Legalise Prostitution Now sex Work Saves Male Lives Serious about reducing Male Suicide?

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Get VERY SERIOUS **About Legalising Prostitution!** 

Tim Barritt at his historic Highlands Homestead, built 1879.

Bill moves to Lower House
The current bill, introduced by Greens member, Ms Tammy Franks, passed the Upper House in June, and is currently being debated in the House of Assembly.
There have been multiple attempts to reform sex work laws since the 1980s, with only one bill relating to sexual servitude passing both houses in 1999.
Member for Schubert, Mr Stephan Knoll spoke in Parliament on September 25, expressing his opposition to the bill.
"This is a bill and a notion that this Parliament has considered or been asked to consider on a huge number of occasions over the past 30 years and every single timewith one exception... the Parliament has chosen to make the same decision," he said.
"The idea that a brothel would set up abop in a country town next to a bakery or a dentist is an eventuality that our community would be horrified by.

"At its heart, Parliament needs to decide whether it wants to see more prostitution in our community or less. Do we accept this is a legitimate career, a legitimate industry? Should it be normalised and accepted? As a father of daughters, I cannot accept this premise."

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Barossa Valley escort, Ms Lexie Mannion said that legalisation of the industry would offer workers the ability to seek help from authorities without fearing repercussions.

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Wanting to promote the industry as safe, clean, professional and discreet, he also added to the booklet a suggested redesign of their logo and name change from Sex Industry Network to Industrie Sex.

"From the age of consent through to my age and beyond, there are many important, different and sometimes urgent reasons why we may need the services of a professional sex worker," said Tim.

"We are not just human beings, but sexual beings, and sex is such an important, fundamental part of our lives, not just for "If it's decriminalised it can help us in the "It is decriminated it can help us in the sense we can go to the police and actually report a crime, whereas at the moment now, we're sort of dubious going to the police because of the situation," she said.

"Having it decriminalised would give us that extra bit of support... If something happens to us we don't feel like we've got to keen it to curselves."

fundamental part of our lives, not just for making babies, it feeds our bodies, hearts and minds. Lexie, who has worked in the industry for seven years, says there is much more to her

profession than what most people realise, and that legalising it would not change the discreet way she and others operate in the

discreet way she and others operate in the community.

"This is the problem, people think that a prostitute is this dirty, disgusting person that sleeps around and walks the streets, and we're not like that at all," she said. "We have regular health checks every three months.. We're very discreet, private people, who go about our business, not making it look like it's obvious what we do. And we provide a range of services, not just for sex.

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"We offer so much, and people just straight away think the wrong thing, and that's frustrating," she said.

"Everybody needs their needs met."

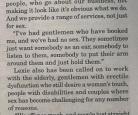
The bill to decriminalise sex work in SA will go to a Lower House vote in the coming weeks

weeks.

Regardless of the outcome, Tim will continue to campaign for the rights of sex workers with trademark passion and

sex workers with trademark passion and dedication.

"Us males urgently need prostitution legalised, easily accessed and available, with the stigma and sin taken away from both clients and sex workers," he said.
"This non-action is, I believe, both bullying and abusive against a very small, very vulnerable group of mostly women who do such important and lifesaving work in our community."



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Tim Barritt on the steps of Parliament House in 2010, where he sat for three days in support of sex work law reform