

SEX INDUSTRY LAWS – New South Wales

First the good news - sex work is legal in NSW. Any person of any gender over 18 years old may provide sexual services to any person over the age of consent in exchange for money, goods or favours. Running, or working in a sex industry business in NSW is legal as long as it is conducted within the legislative framework.

- * Brothels are any premises used for the purposes of prostitution. This can include premises such as massage businesses, strip clubs etc. where sexual services are also provided.

- * Brothels are regulated by local councils

- * The definition of a brothel can include one worker working from their own home or premises

- * Prostitution is legal and by itself is no longer a reason to have a business closed

- * Support staff (receptionist/front of house, security, managers) can now be legally employed

- * No one can force or "unduly influence" another person to become a sex worker.

Sex work laws that remain unchanged are:

- * Support staff (friends, partners) for street workers can be charged with living off the earnings

- * Street workers can be charged with soliciting and working near or within view of certain places