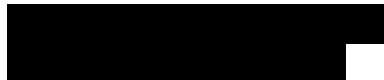


Right now legislation called the 'Online Safety Act' is being promoted nationally. There is a section in this act (Part 9) that is incredibly problematic when measured against the safety of adult industry workers. Part 9 plans on financially punishing social media platforms and search engines providers who don't remove certain adult content within a 24 hour timeframe. Bondage, wax play, and other forms of kink are all included in this 'certain adult content'. BDSM, fetish, online kink classes, sex toy use and safety, consent....all of these topics/content, and more, are being targeted in this legislation. So how does that affect adult industry workers?

1. Sex workers have high professional ethics and standards and often look to the internet to gain valuable skills, information, and education about safe and consensual service delivery. If this bill goes through with part 9 in its current form, any kink related videos – educational or otherwise- may be lost.
2. Sex workers use social media platforms to advertise our services.
3. Sex workers use social media platforms to inform other sex workers of bad clients, abusive clients, violent clients....Sex workers use these spaces to keep ourselves, and our colleagues, safe.

The last point I made above seems completely incongruent with the bill's desired outcome. Why are adult industry workers excluded from online safety?

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