

Home Sex as an Occupation Report on Survey Findings



Overview

The main purpose of this survey was to provide Parramatta City Council with an understanding of the Communities position to the possibility of Sex Services as a Home Occupation in residential areas.

This came about due to Parramatta City Council proposed amendments to the planning controls to make provisions for brothels more restrictive. The State Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, in liaising with Council over the changes, seeks that consideration should be given to allowing sex services as a home occupation in residential areas.

The research methodology was simple in its design with only 2 questions being asked of a representative sample from Parramatta City Council's Residents' Panel, they were:

- Do they support the provision of sex services as a home occupation in the residential areas of the Parramatta Local Government Area?
- Feedback on the provision of sex as a home occupation.

Report Findings

The sample provided an overwhelming response for:

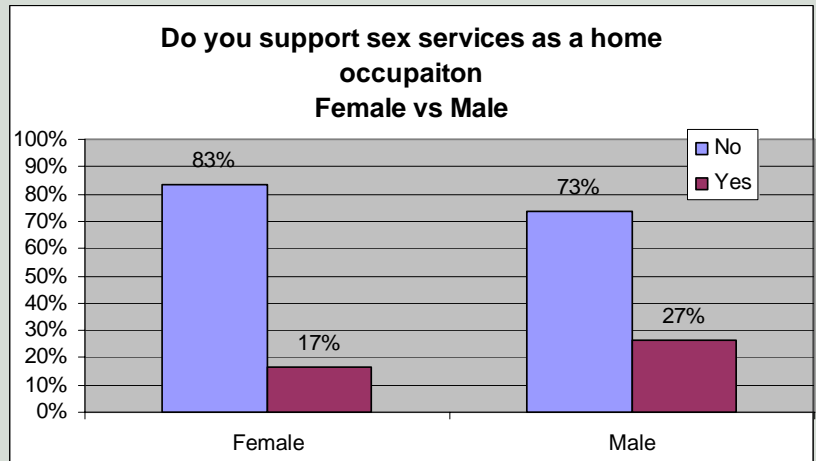
- NOT supporting the provision of services as a home occupation in the Parramatta Local Government Area.

Of the 181 residents that completed the survey 84% of the replied in this fashion.

When looking at various demographics it was found that:

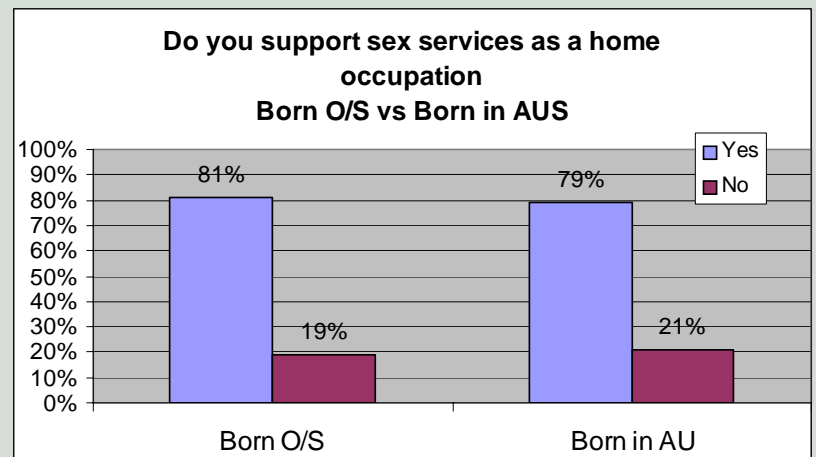
- There was a slight inclination for approving for this provision with males but only slight (as can be seen by the figure to the left).

Note undisclosed was not considered



- There was no real difference between supporting this provision when considering those that were born in Australia to those that were born overseas.

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In terms of feedback on the provision of sex as a home occupation there major concerns from those that said “NO”, they were:

- Loitering of undesirable persons in locations where children live or play
- Threat to Community values
- It may bring other undesirables into the Community such as drugs

Note: Please see appendix for full verbatim responses

General Comments

- This type of service needs to be in areas where appropriate parties can monitor it
- Patrons should travel for this type of service

For those that said YES, there major comments were:

- This is already happening
- The industry could generate further income for the area
- It get this type of activity off the streets

Note: Please see appendix for full verbatim responses

Demographics

N=181

| Age Group | Sample for Survey | ABS Census Statistics |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 16-18 | 4% | 5% |
| 19-25 | 13% | 13% |
| 26-40 | 28% | 33% |
| 41-55 | 22% | 25% |
| 56-69 | 22% | 13% |
| 70+ | 9% | 11% |
| Undisclosed | 2% | 0% |

| Born in Australia | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 123 | 68% |
| No | 52 | 29% |
| Undisclosed | 5 | 3% |
| | <hr/> 180 | |

| English as main Language? | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 146 | 81% |
| No | 25 | 14% |
| Undisclose | 9 | 5% |
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| Gender | | |
|--------|-----------|-----|
| Male | 79 | 44% |
| Female | 102 | 56% |
| | <hr/> 181 | |



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Appendix

Comments — See attached

