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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 9:24:59 AM  
**To:** Moira Deeming <[Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au)>  
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Hey Moira,

Just letting you know that we've added some context around the quotes used from your speech as well as the quotes provided by Fiona Patten. I think it reads much better now.

Let me know if you'd like to grab a coffee at some point. The upper house is shaping up to be very interesting this term.

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**From:** **Broede Carmody** [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Feb 2023 at 18:51  
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Hi Moira,

I've passed your email onto my editors as well as a colleague who deals with Press Council complaints.

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On Fri, 24 Feb 2023 at 5:17 pm, Moira Deeming <[Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I believe that my rights have been breached.

I am writing to request that your [article](#) be immediately corrected, regarding the claim that you published- unchallenged- by Fiona Patten, that I was "not telling the truth" in my inaugural speech.

As you will see from the highlighted screenshots that I've included, The Sex Work Act 1994, section 11A, does indeed contain a general prohibition of children from brothels, **with an exemption from that prohibition for children under 18 months.**

And in the Sex Work Decriminalisation Act 2022, the general prohibition and specific exemption remain for commercial sexual service premises, **while the general prohibition itself is removed for sexual services provided from residential premises.**

It is in fact, Fiona Patten, who is incorrect- despite her lauded expertise.

I hope that this was an innocent mistake, and that you accidentally missed these publicly available pieces of legislation when you were doing your due diligence. Fact checking serious accusations and claims such as these is an important function of the free press.

Please let me know immediately when you have corrected the record.

I am sending this correspondence on to my lawyer for future reference.

Kindest regards,

Moira Deeming

Relevant section:

She claimed that in brothels “human newborn babies and children were allowed on the premises”.

However, former Reason Party leader Fiona Patten, who has led the sex work reforms, said Deeming wasn’t telling the truth.

“I can’t imagine the regulations around this changing,” she said. “It had been decriminalised in Victoria, details about how brothels were being worked through.”

“So unless Ms Deeming has a crystal ball and can see what WorkSafe bodies are planning to implement, she’s guessing. Brothels will be legalised.”

Relevant Screen Shots

The Sex Work Act 1994, section 11A,

## 11A Child over 18 months not to be in brothel

- (1) A person who carries on a business of a kind referred to in the definition of *brothel* in section 3 or who assists in the management of that business **must not allow a child over the age of 18 months to enter or remain in a brothel at which that business is carried on for any purpose whatsoever.**

Penalty: Level 8 imprisonment (1 year maximum) or a level 8 fine (120 penalty units maximum).

- (2) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1)—
  - (a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew that the person concerned was a child over the age of 18 months; but

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## 47 New sections 38C and 38D inserted

After section 38B of the **Summary Offences Act 1966** insert—

### **"38C Offence to allow child on premises used for commercial sexual services**

- (1) A person who carries on a business that provides commercial sexual services, or who assists in the management of that business, must not allow a child who is over 18 months of age to enter or remain on premises at which that business is carried on, unless those premises are primarily used as residential premises.

Penalty: 120 penalty units or imprisonment for 1 year.

- (2) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew that the child was over 18 months of age.

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Kindest Regards,

Maira Deeming

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