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Hi Moira,

Thanks for getting in touch with your concerns. I appreciate the offer for a phone call but if we could keep our correspondence in writing I'd be grateful.

I believe Cam has already emailed you about his story but I understand you've complained about a second article written by Charlie Lewis.

The reporter was considering the following excerpt (see below) from your speech when referring to sex workers. As you've identified, you did not mention abortion in this speech, and that was an error on his part.

While I don't think this error caused you to be defamed in any way, I'm willing to consider amending the article and inserting a correction to make clear a previous version of the article wrongly suggested the speech mentions abortion and sex workers and while the speech does mention brothels, it does not raise sex workers specifically.

I would also consider amending the article to reflect that the "too extreme" claims were made by sources to The Age.

Warmest,

Gina

"Secondly, children in brothels – I was very glad to hear that industry called 'the adult industry', because children do not belong anywhere near it. Yet this government has made it legal to have children inside brothels in Victoria. That is right – in commercial brothels newborn babies and children up to 18 months of age are allowed on the premises. In home-based brothels children of any age are allowed inside. Devastated police officer friends of mine have told me that Victoria will now inevitably become the child rape capital of Australia. So again I call on the government to amend that act as well so that no child can be taken inside brothels of any kind in Victoria."

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Gina Rushton

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