



Briefing Paper July 2024

## South Australian Adult Entertainment Planning Code

The Adelaide City Council is proposing amendments to the current planning code. The amendments include provisions for adult entertainment and adult products and services businesses. The changes will guide the use and development of land used for the purposes of adult entertainment premises and/or adult products and services premises.

SIN and our peak body, Scarlet Alliance, are opposed to the proposed amendments to the planning code. We know that the proposed changes will negatively impact sex workers ability to earn an income, will negatively impact our health and safety at work, and will introduce targeted and discriminatory planning laws that effectively “ban” adult entertainment and product businesses from the city.

### **Background**

- **2021** Strip clubs and adult shops are treated *the same* as other similar businesses under the state-wide planning framework.
- **April 2023** Strip clubs given a ‘definition’ to make them *different* to other similar businesses under State Planning Commission rules.
- **August 2023** City of Adelaide proposes a Planning Code Amendment to effectively ban the approval of any new strip clubs or adult shops.
- **October 2023** Opposition MP Sussan Ley calls for a ban on new strip clubs.
- **April 2024** Anti-sex worker rhetoric rises amidst domestic violence crisis.
- **July 2024** Submissions on Planning Code Amendment closes 23 July 2024.

### **Proposal**

- **NEW** 50 meter ‘buffer’ from schools, churches, childcare centers. In practice the ‘buffer’ is a ban on any new clubs. Those venues will not be eligible to apply for planning permission.
- **NEW red light district** on Hindley st will be exempt from the above.

### **Problems**

- **Strip club duopoly** retained by default in Hindley Street.
- **Safety of workers** has not been considered.
- **It's regressive**, implies proximity to strip clubs is undesirable or dirty.

- **Promotes gig-economy**, prevents purpose-built venues from gaining approval.
- **It's political**, pandering to a vocal minority pushing their morals on others.

### ***What can I do***

- Forward a submission opposing the amendments to the Adelaide City Council - [PDCSA.amendments@cityofadelaide.com.au](mailto:PDCSA.amendments@cityofadelaide.com.au)
- Email or call your local member of parliament
- Email or call the office of Nick Champion, Minister for Planning - [ministerchampion@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerchampion@sa.gov.au)