CONTROVERSIAL anti-prostitution campaigner Professor Sheila Jeffreys has visited Hobart as State Parliament gets ready to debate legalisation of the sex industry.

Prof Jeffreys spoke at the University of Tasmania law school and a public forum in Hobart yesterday as the Justice Department prepares to give its Sex Industry Review recommendations to Attorney-General Brian Wightman.

Mr Wightman said yesterday Parliament would debate whether to legalise, decriminalise, or make no changes to prostitution laws.

But there were no plans to make prostitution illegal, he said.

"Legal issues around the sex industry can be emotive and personal for many people," Mr Wightman said.

"The Government's top priority is the health and safety of sex workers and the Tasmanian community."

Prof Jeffreys, who teaches feminist politics at the University of Melbourne, said legalising prostitution equalised legalising violence against women.

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If they're going to legalise brothels, there are quite a few activities of brothel owners & managers that should be made illegal so as to minimise harm such as: requiring staff to parade around naked for everyone who comes into the brothel; pro-actively recruiting girls for prostitution; requesting that a prostitute commit to working a shift; criticising prostitutes for refusing to take clients they don't want to; in addition to all the normal rules that govern an employer employee relationship.

Posted by: Mathew Munro of Hobart 09:55pm Monday 4th June

Prof Jeffreys' misogynistic views have the foul, outdated stench of viral religious indoctrination. When there is violence committed against a lady-working in an illegal or unlicensed/unregulated sex industry, it is far less likely that she can, or will be able to get medical treatment, emotional help or the safe time out that she may need. The social stigma attached to illegal prostitution is too great for the majority to seek help. Legal prostitution is an honourable trade !!

Posted by: Neil Cochrane of Hobart 12:02pm Monday 4th June

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How does the old saying go, something like: "If you don't play the game then you can't make the rules".

What in blazes does a student learn in a "feminist politics" class?

It needs to be legalised and strictly controlled. Only then can you truly remove the "I thought she was 18" defense.

As a student at the University of Melbourne I feel it is important to mention that Jeffreys is considered somewhat of an academic joke, with students taking her sexual politics classes mainly due to the notoriously easy marks...provided you regurgitate verbatim her often offensive views. Oh and not being male helps too.

I listened to her interview with Richard Fidler...she's a bitter woman who gets an audience because of her title.

forget this expert at the moment the industry is run by undercover losers! keep it legal, so as the regulators at least have knowledge of who is running the industry and health legislations can be enforced! we have judy jacks on to thank for the backward move unto the dark ages

OMG! I thought it was K Rudd!!