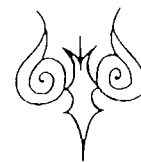




RAMS



Aims and Objectives

1. To lobby for reform where legislation impedes or inhibits male sexworkers, management and/or ancillary staff from carrying out their business in a safe and healthy manner.
2. To promote safer sexual practices (hereby referred to as “safe practices”) for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV) and in turn for the well being of male sex workers and their clients alike.
3. To have a voice in all matters as they affect male sexworkers and/or the male sex industry, and to represent the views of male sexworkers to government and non government bodies.
4. To offer support, assistance and referral to male sexworkers wanting to leave, enter or remain in the sex industry.
5. To offer assistance, advocacy, consultancy and referral on such matters as housing, employment, education, skills acquisition, health and legal issues.
6. To establish links and liaise with other sexworker representative organisations, services and service providers.
7. To raise community awareness on the issues related to male sex work, and to work towards the de-stigmatisation of the male sexworker and sex work in general.
8. To encourage and assist in the empowerment and self organisation of male sex workers.
9. To promote goodwill and to further encourage co-operation and respect between management and staff in the sex industry.
10. To facilitate a link between male sexworkers from all areas, for mutual benefit.
11. To promote a happy, healthy, safe lifestyle, and feelings of high self-worth and self-esteem.
12. To establish a trust fund for the purpose of providing assistance to the male sexworker in need.
13. To ensure that RAMS remains under the control of, and represents the views of, male sexworkers.

Demands

RAMS calls on all female, transexual, transgender, other gender identifying and non gender identifying sexworkers to form their own respective, representative organisations, so as to ensure the rights of all workers in the sex industry.

RAMS calls on the State Government and the Premier of NSW to immediately and irrevocably repeal the Summary Offences ACT.

RAMS calls on the NSW State Department of Health to immediately halt all plans to mainstream public sector health funding of HIV/AIDS and Community Health Services.

RAMS calls on the NSW State Government to immediately increase funding to HIV/AIDS, community health, drug and alcohol, needle and syringe exchange, rape, victims of violence, and youth services.

RAMS calls on the Sex Worker Outreach Project to immediately halt all plans and attempts to incorporate an advocacy role in sex industry affairs in all areas, other than those where it is necessary to have said role for the purposes of providing efficient and effective health and related services to all sexworkers and participants in the Sex Industry.

RAMS calls on the Sex Worker Outreach Project to immediately assist with and co-facilitate the setting up of true sexworker representative organisations for female, transexual, transgender, other gender identifying and non gender identifying sexworkers.

RAMS calls on the Sex Worker Outreach Project to immediately implement and facilitate an independent support system for HIV+ male sexworkers.

RAMS calls on all crisis, short, medium, and long term refuges to immediately remove “the cessation of work in the Sex Industry” as a criteria for admission to their service, and that they adopt a non judgemental, pro choice, harm minimisation philosophy.

RAMS calls on all drug and/or alcohol detoxification and/or rehabilitation centres to immediately remove “the cessation of work in the Sex Industry” as a criteria for admission into, or continued participation in any program, and that they adopt a non judgmental, pro choice and harm minimisation philosophy.