

**BAN ON SEX INDUSTRY ADVERTISING**

*Petition*

Mr Nicholls presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 135 persons –

To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled.

We, the under-signed ask that:

A ban be placed on adverts which;

promote violent and abusive acts as sexually exciting

incite adults to view persons of childlike appearance and demeanour as sexually desirable.

The availability of sexual services adverts be restricted to “adults only” publications so that those who wish to advertise or use these services can do so without imposing these adverts on children for whom they are inappropriate, or on adults who find them offensive. (Restricted ads to include those for brothels, escort agencies, private sex workers, phone sex lines, non-therapeutic masseurs, peep and strip shows, swingers and casual sex contact clubs, adult videos, and books and novelties).

An independent statutory body be established to deal with complaints and make advertisers more accountable to the community for offensive advertising than the present system of industry self regulation.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See petition No 42.]