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PETITION

Stop gay sex shows

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A MOVE to legalise lesbian sex shows has outraged Logan City Deputy Mayor John Grant and Councillor Peter Collins.

The pair said the State Government's Crime and Misconduct Commission's (CMC) recommendation to legalise the shows was "offensive and frightening".

Councillors Grant and Collins launched a petition last week objecting to the recommendations and encouraged residents to show their support.

There are two brothels approved in Logan, two adult entertainment venues and 11 sex shops.

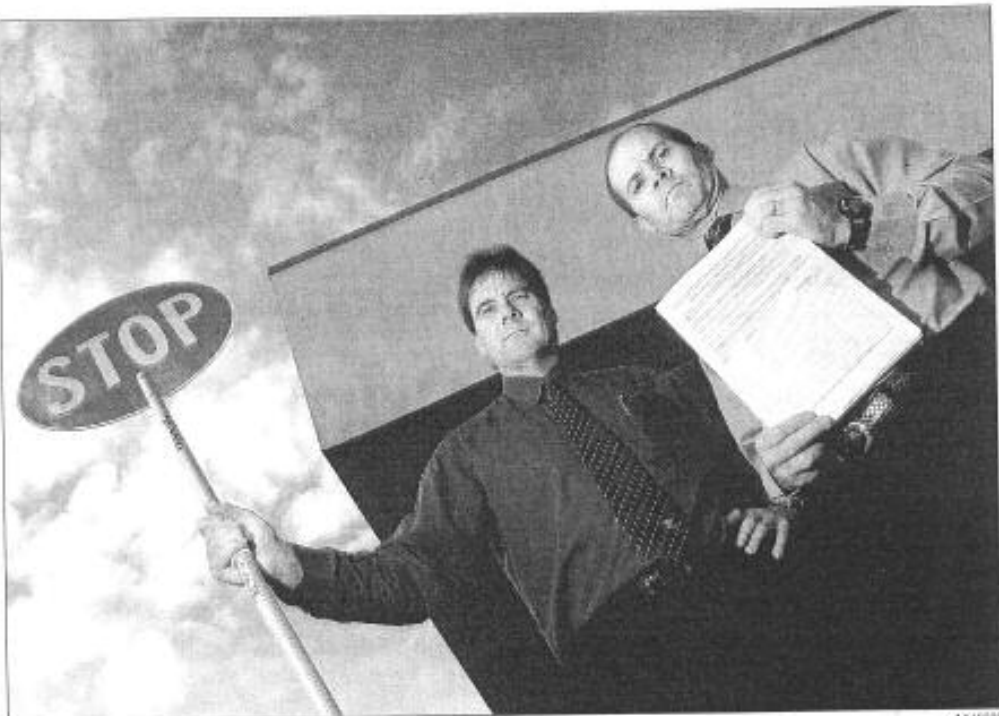
"Under this recommendation, all these explicit sexual acts can come to a pub near you," Cr Grant said.

"The whole premise that you expand it (the sex industry) and still be able to control it is a farce; they do not have the officers to control something like this."

Cr Collins feared weakening the laws would result in society accepting live sex shows "as the norm".

"Residents are crying out for laws to control this industry. We speak as councillors but also as parents who find these types of recommendations totally unacceptable," he said.

"We don't want our children to accept that this is acceptable. It is harmful and dangerous.



■ Councillors Peter Collins and John Grant call for a stop to sex shows in Logan.

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"If we as a society legalise this we are legitimising a form of employment that no responsible parent would wish their daughter to enter."

Cr Grant said live sex shows degraded women.

He said the CMC had ignored the social harm caused by sex shows and

"bowed" to the industry.

"It is not good for our society, for our kids, for this industry to become acceptable," Cr Grant said.

The pair said the State Government's "failed experiment" with legal brothels had found the illegal industry had blossomed alongside the newly created legal in-

dustry, magnifying the social damage caused by the sex trade.

For copies of the petition contact Cr Collins at petercollins@logan.qld.gov.au or Cr Grant at johngrant@logan.qld.gov.au

The petition will be presented to Parliament in July.

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- Petition objecting to legalisation of live sex shows.
- Crs Peter Collins and John Grant take a stand.
- Petition to be presented in July.