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Bronwyn tells her sad story

A FORMER prostitute and stripper told her story to the women on the Green at Parliament House yesterday. Bronwyn Healy from Brisbane got into the sex industry as a heroin addict wanting to make money to score drugs, she said.

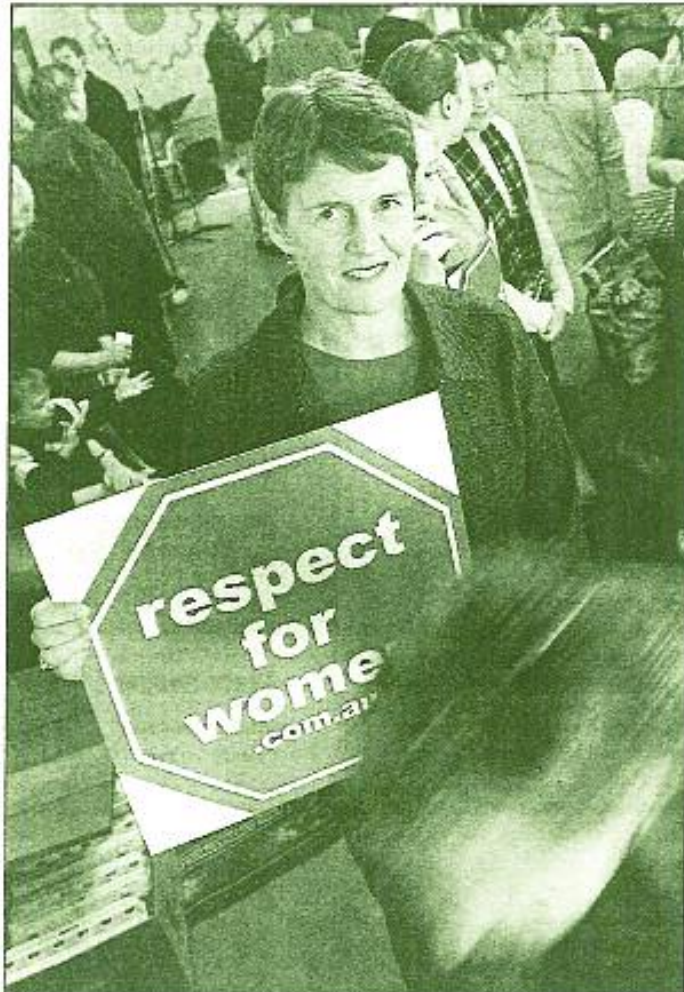
"I got up and walked out one morning and never went back," she said.

"Although it was easy to leave physically, emotionally it has been very, very hard."

Ms Healy said if she walks through a shopping centre and smells a certain after shave it brings back terrible memories of her previous life.

"Just the smell affects me still to this day," she said.

Now a mother, Ms Healy said she is in support of Cr Lyle Shelton's campaign because she does not want her daughter to fall into the same trap she did.



■ Helen Loudon was among concerned citizens who travelled to Parliament House to campaign against regulated sex industries in Toowoomba. Picture: BEV LACEY

Sex fight goes ^{A.3} to Parliament

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COUNCILLOR Lyle Shelton and more than 50 Toowoomba protesters took their campaign against adult entertainment to Brisbane yesterday, urging the Government not to expand the live sex trade.

A busload of Toowoomba women, carrying petitions and placards, and other vehicles followed Cr Shelton to Parliament Green to deliver their message to the Government.

"We are not out to get in the face of the politicians," said Cr Shelton after he, an ex-sex worker, the women and other politicians campaigned on Parliament Green.

"Our aim is to raise awareness." The group left Toowoomba early yesterday after being addressed by Councillors Shelton and Regina Albion. Petitions to the State Government were signed by members of the 100-strong crowd.

Cr Shelton also launched a website dedicated to the education and eradication of the sex industry in

Queensland.

By 10.30am the website had already received 790 hits, Cr Shelton said.

One of the group travelling to Brisbane, Jenean Grant, said she was campaigning because she did not want the sex industry to be a career option for young women.

"The adult entertainment industry will further erode respect for women and the amendment only serves to expand it," she said.

Helen Loudon said she supported the protest because Toowoomba was a family oriented city and the industry broke down family values.

"Sex should be in a marriage situation. It is not a commodity," she said.

Cr Shelton recognised he may have lost the battle to keep adult entertainment out of Toowoomba's town plan, but said it would not stop him going to the State Government to "knock it out".

"I don't want to see the legalised degradation of women normalised," he said.