

Smut police to fight new live sex law

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ROB Molhoek insists he's no 'goodie-goodie' but the Christian councillor is entering the second phase of his battle against smut.

This time, he's taking on all of Queensland, not just the Gold Coast.

Cr Molhoek has formed an anti-sleaze taskforce with other councillors across the state to protest against proposals set to further liberalise the adult entertainment industry.

The proposals, which he described yesterday as 'degrading and demeaning', would legalise live sex shows and graphic full-nudity stripteases.

"You can dress this up any way you like.

"It's just not decent by anyone's standards," said Cr Molhoek.

"I'm not a goody-goody ... this is about standing up for women and their rights."

The latest stance is not the first time the Southport Church of Christ member has taken issue with 'declining standards in society'.

Cr Molhoek, who has never been to a strip club, made headlines last year when he went into battle against sex shops.

He declared they should not be located in prominent public places, saying they were a bad influence on children.

He even posed for a photograph in bed with his wife, Melinda, at the time, insisting he was not a prude because he had a healthy sex life.

Yesterday, Cr Molhoek said it was time to draw a line in the sand.

"Where women are being degraded and demeaned, I'm going to fight against it," he said.

The changes to the adult entertainment industry were proposed after a review by the Crime and Misconduct Commission found they would make the industry easier to regulate.

The recommendations will be considered by the State Government and include the a new adult entertain-

ment permit allowing 'graphic full-nudity striptease' with 'genital self-penetration'.

Another proposal would allow physical contact between strippers and patrons, while adult entertainment venues would also be allowed to provide non-contact dating services.

The ringleader of the council protesters, Logan City councillor Peter Collins, said a petition of tens of thousands of signatures would be

presented to the Queensland Parliament before the report was considered.

"The changes just don't reflect the values that families want their children exposed to," he said.

Cr Molhoek claimed the regulation argument was 'a nonsense'.

"They need to enforce the law as it is," he said. "There is no need to legitimise this sort of work, where any bloke that wants to can take a swipe (at a female worker). I don't think any responsible parent would want to see their daughter presented with this sort of thing as a career option."



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