

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on the  
Australian Crime Commission**

**Inquiry into trafficking in women for  
sexual servitude**

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Dear Ms Weeks

**TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE**

Thank you for your letter of 1 August 2003 providing me with an opportunity to make a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission (PJC) inquiry into trafficking in women for sexual servitude.

At the APMC meeting of 2 July 2003, Agenda Item 14 dealt with the subject of people trafficking. APMC acknowledged that trafficking in women for the purposes of sexual servitude is a serious crime that jurisdictions should address.

The issue of people trafficking and the sex industry was also the subject of discussions at the ACCF meeting on 20 May 2003 and it was resolved that each State and Territory police service would investigate the scope of sexual servitude in their jurisdictions and report back in October.

I have tasked staff with examining legislative areas within this jurisdiction that could be addressed in order to combat potential problems in the future. This examination includes laws relating to sexual servitude, slavery, deceptive recruiting, debt bondage and related offences. The task includes a review of this Department's relationships with other Commonwealth and State agencies.

I have no further submission to make to the PJC's inquiry at this time.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner of Police

