



Executive Director's Report

This has been a year of change for the PLA, with the provisions of the *Prostitution Amendment Act 2006* commencing on 12 August 2007. This legislation has secured a range of amendments to the *Prostitution Act 1999* (the Act).

The position of Registrar, which I had held since the inception of the PLA in 2000, was replaced by that of Executive Director. Since then, I have been privileged to be acting in that position. The Act has enabled brothel licences and approved manager certificates to be granted for a three-year period instead of one-year. A measure welcomed by the licensed brothel industry has been the increase in the maximum number of staff permitted at a brothel at any one time, from 10 to 13 staff. The maximum number of sex workers permitted at a five-room brothel has also increased from five to eight.

Advertisements for prostitution also need to be in an approved form. The Act now allows the PLA to develop and issue guidelines about what constitutes an approved form. Following an extensive process of development and stakeholder consultation, the PLA issued guidelines which took effect on 30 May 2008. The guidelines have resulted in a streamlined and more efficient advertising approval process.

The Authority continues to be well placed to execute its statutory functions in a way which I am confident will meet the expectations of legislators and be in the public interest.

I would like to thank the Prostitution Enforcement Task Force (PETF), QH and DEIR, who provide invaluable advice and support to the Authority.

Finally, I cannot finish the year without mentioning my work colleagues. Thank you for your professionalism, dedication, and extraordinary commitment, as well as all those extra miles!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm Isaac'.

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