

Strategic Roundtable

**Pornography and the Increase of Human Trafficking
How do we solve the problem?**

**Parliament House
Canberra
9 October 2012**

**Convened by:
Dads4Kids &
Go for Greatness**

Program

***The Strategic Roundtable
is dedicated to the memory of
29 year old Gillian Meagher
who was raped and murdered
a short distance from her home
in Melbourne on 22 September 2012.***

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Dear Delegate

Welcome to the Strategic Roundtable on 'Pornography and the Increase of Human Trafficking - How do we solve the problem?' held in Parliament House, Canberra. This Strategic Roundtable is convened jointly by Dads4Kids and Go for Greatness, both harm prevention charities committed to protecting the women and children of Australia. Our common goal is a save world for our children to grow up in.

The inspiration for the Strategic Roundtable, dealing with the problems of pornography and sex trafficking, is firstly: the visit to Australia by Donny Pauling from the USA who was a former pornography producer and secondly: the growing pandemic of porn and the commensurate increase of sex trafficking both in Australia and overseas.

The statistics coming from our sexually dysfunctional society scream for an answer:

- Sexual assault has increased by 20% between 1999 and 2009.
- Men in prison for sexual assault has doubled since 1988.
- The risk of sexual violence doubled in adulthood for women who were abused as a child.
- 84% of boys and 60% of girls have had exposure to internet pornography.
- 73% of boys and 11% of girls have watched x-rated videos.
- 2/3rds of sex crimes in Australia are committed against our children.
- The business of pornography is now worth in excess of \$57 billion worldwide.
- As porn increases so does the demand for prostitution and sex trafficking.
- Trafficking worldwide is estimated to be a \$7 billion dollar annual business.
- The average age of a girl's entry into prostitution/sex trafficking is 12 to 14 years old.
- Project Respect estimates that 'around 1,000 women in Australia are trafficked for prostitution every year.
- Protection Project found that sex offenders from Australia topped the list of foreigners involved in child sex tourism in Thailand.

Your presence here in Parliament House is open testimony to the need to restore sexual integrity in Australia and find some answers to these problems. The challenge will be for us to be very open and honest with each other, to hear not only each other's words but also each other's hearts. Our success is contingent on the ability of each delegate to listen and walk in another's shoes and to show honour and respect to those who join us on the journey. These attitudes of the heart are the keys to the success of the Strategic Roundtable.

We appreciate your sacrifice in coming to Canberra. We thank you for your contribution to the restoration of sexual integrity in Australia. The Strategic Roundtable is all about your passion for change, your willingness to listen, your creative policy ideas and your ability to bring change through love.

Yours for positive change

Warwick Marsh & Jason Huxley

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Purpose & Vision Statement

The goal of the Strategic Roundtable is to provide a united voice for those dealing with the problems of porn and sex trafficking and to encourage and resource each other in our respective fields of endeavour.

The purpose of the Strategic Roundtable is to:

- discuss the problems associated with porn
- brainstorm positive ideas to turn around the pornification of our culture
- protect the women and children of Australia
- develop strategies to turn back the tide of sex trafficking and the exploitation of women and children in our highly sexualised society.

The overall aim of the Strategic Roundtable is to arrive at 3 agreed action points and a general position statement for public release on the problems confronting our nation in these areas.

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Delegate's Creed

1. Blame not, judge not, and make no assumptions
2. Listen intently and carefully. Look from the listener's perspective
3. Identify the kernel of truth in every argument, especially those you totally oppose
4. Treat everyone with honour, respect, dignity and sensitivity
5. Always relate to the big picture i.e. gaining sexual integrity in Australia
6. Let the past be a reference, not a pivot for the future
7. Look for common principles
8. Put differences in context
9. Deal with issues, not personalities
10. Pursue unity with diversity

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Agenda & Program

9.45 am Meet at Front Security Desk, Marble Foyer via Public Entrance

10.00 am – 1.00 pm Introduction by Warwick Marsh + ground rules
Session 1 (3 minutes for each group represented)
Presentations are only permitted to run 30 seconds over time.
Time limits will be strictly adhered to.

Warwick	Marsh	Dads4Kids
Alison	Marsh	Dads4Kids
Wanda	Taylor	Dads4Kids
Jason	Huxley	Go for Greatness
Melinda	Liszewski	Collective Shout
Michael	Keeffe	Destiny Rescue
Matthew	Wigsell	Webshield
David	Cahill	Men Against Porn
Colin	Bunnett	Focus on the Family
Ros	Phillips	Family Voice
John	Miller	ACVI
Jack	Sonnemann	Federation for the Family
Carol	Ronken	Criminologist-Bravehearts
Dr Allan	Meyer	Lifekeys International
Collett	Smart	Psychologist-Family Smart

Jason to introduce Donny who will speak for 15 mins + Q&A

Donny Pauling Ex Porn Producer USA

1.00 – 2.00 pm **Lunch** (buy your own in Parliament Staff Cafeteria)

2.00 – 3.30 pm **Session 2**

3.30 – 4.30 pm **Reporting Session** (plus afternoon tea) with parliamentarians

4.30 – 5.00 pm **Evaluation and the way forward**

Half of Session 1 will be taken up by introductions, housekeeping and presentations. The second half of Session 1 will be devoted to free-ranging discussions in order to find common ground between groups and individuals as we strive to simplify our message and arrive at solutions.

We will then break for lunch for approximately one hour in the staff cafeteria where lunch can be purchased for a reasonable cost.

The first part of Session 2 will be devoted to constructing a position statement on the extent of the problems we face because of the pornification of our society and the increase in sex trafficking. The position statement will have a strong Australia-centric focus but will not deny Australia's place or responsibility in the global context or problem.

The second part of Session 2 will be focussed on identifying 3 simple one sentence action points for parliamentarians and a possible media release. Our goal is 100% agreement and therefore may require us to only agree on one point.

At the Reporting Session, Donny Pauling will be asked to share a 3 minute testimony, followed by some spokespeople from our day together to share the agreed 'position statement' and the '1-3 action points' agreed upon with attending parliamentarians. Input from individual parliamentarians will then be requested as their input is vital for the Strategic Roundtable's success. Q & A if time permits.

Finally there will be a short 30 minute evaluation session (4.30-5.30pm) and some strategies laid out for forward motion.

It might be noted that Jason Huxley from the charity 'Go for Greatness' will be releasing the 'Red Man Red Woman' strategy which is his charity's contribution to help turn the tide of porn and exploitation that is currently facing our nation at this time. Jason hopes to provide an update on his educational documentary, 'Guilty Pleasure' if time permits.

Kind regards

Warwick Marsh & Jason Huxley
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On 9 October 2012, in Parliament House, Canberra, sixteen leaders representing fourteen key stakeholders and community groups representing millions of Australian families, met for a Strategic Roundtable on "Pornography and the Increase in Sex Trafficking – How do we solve the problem?" The 'October 9 Declaration' above, and the resulting 'Three Point Plan' were confirmed by unanimous decision as urgent action points to turn back the tide of sex trafficking and the exploitation of women and children in our highly sexualised society. Pornography and sex trafficking are inextricably linked. It is pornography - the advertising and marketing of prostitution - that creates a growing market demand for the bodies of women and children. Now is the time for action. Our common goal is a safe world for our children. Let's put our children first.

October 9 Declaration

Protecting Women and Children from Sexploitation

Pornography is a global business that is now turning over an estimated 100 billion dollars per year worldwide. Pornography continues to commodify women and girls and make them the target of abusive and dehumanising treatment. Due to rapid changes in technology and internet access in the last two decades there are no meaningful restrictions on who can access pornography. The average age of first exposure to pornography is 11 years old and 90% of children aged 8-16 have viewed pornography online, most while doing their homework.

Research has shown that exposure to pornography is desensitising children and young people to violent or sexually aggressive acts, reducing empathy for victims of sexual assault and reducing children's own inhibitions and boundaries, making them more susceptible to sexual exploitation by adults and earlier and younger sexual involvement. Statistics show that the average age of a girl's entry into prostitution/ sex trafficking is 12-14 years old. Pornography is shaping the values, attitudes and beliefs of young people in a way that is inconsistent with healthy relationships, gender equality and safety for women and girls.

In Australia sexual assault has increased by 38% between 1993 and 2007. Two thirds of sex crimes in Australia are committed against our children. Police officers are now talking about an epidemic of child porn. Pornography is said to be increasing sex trafficking in Australia by increasing demand. Figures from the Australian Crime Commission and the US State Department confirm that between 1,200 and 2,000 women are trafficked for prostitution in Australia every year. As porn increases so does the demand for prostitution and sex trafficking. A human rights organisation, The Protection Project, found that sex offenders from Australia topped the list of foreigners involved in child sex tourism in Thailand.

There are now more women and girls exploited as sex slaves in the world today than at any time in human history. It is no coincidence that the increasing accessibility of pornography has taken place alongside an increase in the number of women and girls trafficked into the sex trade. It is pornography - the advertising and marketing of prostitution - that creates market demand for the bodies of women and children. It is the demand for women and children's bodies that keeps the traffickers in business.

Any moves to stop the scourge of human trafficking must include a concerted effort to curb pornography consumption. There are many with profit driven motives who will resist any challenge to wind back the profits they make from sexploitation but the safety, rights, freedom and wellbeing of the most vulnerable in our society MUST come before the freedom to access pornography.

Recent news reports of sexual violence, murder and abductions and ABS statistics on increased sexual assault and violence have highlighted the urgent need to turn the tide of the pornification of our society and the sexploitation of our women and children. That time is now.

1. CLEAN FEED OPTION - FREE OF PORNOGRAPHY AT ISP LEVEL - FOR EVERY AUSTRALIAN HOME

2. PREVENT SEXPLOITATION OF WOMEN & CHILDREN - EDUCATE ABOUT HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PORN

3. ENFORCE EXISTING LEGISLATION TO CURB THE PROLIFERATION OF PORNOGRAPHY & SEX TRAFFICKING