

**Everyone here has either experienced slut shaming or knows how damaging it can be to a person, because you have come out to say “survivors have been through enough”.**

**In any city in Australia you can open the paper and see the slut shaming of sex workers who are trying to achieve justice when assaulted or raped.**

**For our community victim blaming is institutionalised in the criminal justice system.**

**We experience slut shaming individually and on a collective level. As a community, when one sex worker is denied justice, it hurts us all.**

**Sexual assault is just as brutal, shocking and criminal in a brothel as it is in the workplace of a nurse, a police officer, a teacher or a judge.**

**Yet we are told to expect it as some kind of occupational hazard.**

**This is slut shaming.**

**Some people say that all sex work is rape, and that as sex workers we don't know the difference.**

**This is slut shaming.**

**Governments say that sex work is undesirable and deserves to be punished.**

**This is slut shaming.**

**When we walk today for survivors of sexual assault, we walk today for the right of any person to be safe in their workplace.**

**Including sex workers.**

**The oldest profession, we are the archetypal slut.**

**When laws, moral judgment and the courts deny us justice because they see us as sluts, it excuses slut shaming in all its forms.**

**Today we say no more excuses!**