



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

* The extent of human trafficking is difficult to quantify, but is estimated at between 300 – 1000 persons per year in Australia, 80% of whom are women.

* Trafficking includes men, women and children used for prostitution, domestic slavery, unpaid/underpaid employment, sexual exploitation and adoption.

* In 2014-15, the Australian Federal Police received 119 new referrals relating to human trafficking and slavery matters, taking the total to 588 since 2004. Some 29% of these related to sexual exploitation, 28% to other forms of labour exploitation and 28% to forced marriage.

* 19% of persons trafficked for labour involve industries dependant on foreign workers including agriculture, construction, hospitality, manufacturing , nursing, cleaning and mining.

* It is an offence to enter into any commercial transaction involving a slave or to provide finance for any commercial transaction involving a slave. The onus is on procurement personnel to engage in 'ethical' procurement and to check, where possible, that supply chains have not used exploited labour for the production of goods.

* Australia's laws and actions pertaining to human trafficking, slavery and forced marriage are on the Australian Attorney-General's home page (see <http://www.ag.gov.au> . Enter human trafficking in search box).

* Trafficking in Persons Reports for Australia are at: <https://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/HumanTrafficking/Documents/Report-Interdepartmental-Committee-Human-Trafficking-Slavery-July-2014-June-2015.PDF>

* (Twiggy) Andrew Forrest, eminent miner in Western Australia and Founder and Chairman of the Walk Free Foundation, produces annual reports on global slavery. The latest one is The Global Slavery Index 2016 –see



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<http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/findings/>

The estimated number of people in modern slavery globally, in this report, is 45.8 million. Some 58% of those living in slavery are in 5 countries – India, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Uzbekistan. How many of us shop at outlets that sell clothing and other goods made in these countries? How many Australian ‘labels’ have their manufacturing done in these countries? How many products in our supermarkets are sourced from these countries? How many use slave labour?

* The USA also provides an annual Trafficking in Persons Report. The latest one is 2016 (see <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2016/index.htm>). It also contains reports on individual countries.

VIDEOS: Many videos on aspects of human trafficking and slavery can be found at the website of ACRATH Inc. Those pertinent to Australia include: Slavery in Supply Chains, Voices of Women, Exploiting Vulnerable Workers. (see <https://acrath.org.au/resources/human-trafficking/true-stories/>).

HELPLINES:

Australian Federal Police 131 327 or if emergency, call Police on 000

Anti Slavery Organisation 02 9514 9660

Fair Work Ombudsman (slave labour issues) 13 13 94

Project Respect (trafficking sex workers) 02 9416 3401

Scarlet Alliance (trafficking sex workers) 02 9517 2577

Australian Human Rights Commission 1800 620 241

Dept. of Immigration 1800 009 623 (if in Australia)

Or if outside Australia or using a satellite phone call 61 2 6246 1325

Project Respect 1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

My Blue Sky (forced marriage help/advice) 02 9514 8115 or text 0481 070 844



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