

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

“..... is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to **FREE** victims and **STOP** this increasingly aggressive crime ...”

Pope Francis



HOW...ARE WE CONNECTED TO MODERN SLAVERY?

Globalisation has resulted in a demand for cheap labour and modern slavery is often hidden within a vast range of supply chains, a long way from the country where goods are sold. Most Australians and companies are unknowingly benefiting from modern slavery in the

- food we purchase,
- clothes we buy,
- suppliers we hire and
- companies in which we invest.

As consumers we have gained from the exploitation of migrant workers

1. picking fruit in Australia
2. factory workers in Malaysia subjected to forced labour producing the latest smartphone;
3. the enslaved fishermen catching seafood to stock the shelves of Australian supermarkets.



Australia is saying **NO** to people trafficking by advocating for an Australian Modern Day Slavery Act

ACRATH, along with other Religious Organisations, companies, civil society, investors, employees and consumers, has long been engaged in advocating for an Australian Modern Day Slavery Act.

An inquiry during 2017

- received 225 submissions,
- held 10 public hearings and
- held extensive consultation with civil society organisations and businesses.

This committee then tabled its report, **Hidden in Plain Sight**, in Parliament on Thursday 7th December 2017.

Representing ACRATH and the Ursulines at this event gave me a sense of hope, especially to hear the bipartisan support for this Australian Anti-Slavery Law. **This law will promote a way forward for the elimination of Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia and beyond.**

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People are NOT for sale