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GOVERNMENT ANSWERS WAKE UP CALL

Leading Australian anti-trafficking organisation Project Respect has congratulated the Australian Government on its new counter-trafficking package

"We welcome the Government's strong commitment to fight the international crime of trafficking" says Kathleen Maltzahn, Founding Director, Project Respect.

"If the Government properly implements the package it has announced, it will make a real difference to the serious problem of trafficking for sexual slavery in Australia" says Ms Maltzahn.

Project Respect has been the government's most outspoken critic regarding Australia's trafficking problem in recent years.

On Monday, Project Respect launched a 10-point plan on trafficking which summarises long-held suggestions for reform. Most of Project Respect's 10 reform proposals have been taken up by the Federal Government in its new package.

Project Respect is now calling on state governments to respond to state based trafficking issues.

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Project Respect's full submission to the current Australian parliamentary inquiry into sexual slavery and sexual servitude is available on the internet at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/sexual_servitude/submissions/sub25.doc

Further information is available on Project Respect's website:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~prespect>