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A new Act has just been passed about noise pollution of the environment so that people who hold noisy parties disturbing their neighbours can be prosecuted and, of course, we all know the anti-litter laws where people who pollute the environment with litter are prosecuted. This makes all the more disturbing a judgement given in the District Criminal Appeals Court this week in which the judge quashed the conviction of a man who was exposing himself by lying naked on his back on a beach in a public park in Sydney Harbour. This act is surely a clear case of moral pollution of the scenery. It is intolerable that we should not be able to walk about with our families in the parks along the foreshores of Sydney Harbour without having our sight nauseated by a man exposing himself deliberately and publicly. To wear a bathing costume is no restriction on liberty but to take it off in public is purely the result of a sexual aberration and we should not have to have our scenery polluted in this way.

If this decision stands, it will mean that we will not be able to visit any Sydney beach on harbour or ocean without being nauseated by this form of sexual exposure. God has made sex for relationship, and used within the relationship of lifelong marriage, it is most beautiful and enjoyable and deepens the friendship of the home. Sex is for our spouse, not for ourselves; and sexual exposure in public is a nauseating aberration as it is entirely self-centred. If there is a loophole in the law which allows a judge to give the decision that this judge has made it should be closed by legislation, which would be a very simple matter.

If you agree with me that we want to keep our city free from this form of sexual attack on our senses, will you write to the Premier and to your local State Member asking that the law should be made absolutely clear that people should not be allowed to expose themselves in this way to the public view. Only

so can we walk about our city and enjoy to the full the beautiful scenery that God has given us in this wonderfully situated city of Sydney.

You will remember that two or three years ago a former judge of the District Court gave a decision shortly before his death, through which he changed the law on abortion and permitted, as lawful, what is virtually abortion on demand. Since then, as a result of his decision, many young lives have been put to death in their mother's womb. This present decision would change the law with regard to the perversion of public sexual display by men, and, consequently, it will make our recreative environment much less pleasant for sensitive people and, in particular, family groups and will pande to the prurient and the lewd.

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