

**Submission
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COERCIVE CONTROL IN DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIPS

Name: Name suppressed

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Dear Member,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed coercive control bills currently before parliament being the

1. Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment (Coercive Control—Preethi’s Law) Bill 2020
2. Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment (Coercive and Controlling Behaviour) Bill 2020

Both bills will gender prejudice men if passed. The facts are:

- that there is already sufficient legislation protecting men and women in relationships from coercion and spousal control.
- Men including myself are unlikely to report such behaviour
- Men are unlikely to know of such laws as they do not tend to seek relationship support.
- The bill therefore prejudices men.

In my circumstance I have had my child withheld from me and had demands for money excused by false allegations allowing this to happen to me. This bill does nothing to prevent this from happening to other parents and would only further burden the courts.

The bills should not be passed.

Regards

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