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## **COERCIVE CONTROL IN DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

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To Whom It May Concern

I am lodging a submission with regards to criminalising coercive control.

I am a victim survivor of domestic violence.

I believe coercive control should be a criminal offence due to the harm and destruction it creates to ones life and the ongoing effects it has on the victim.

Coercive Control is very complex. It needs to be criminalised in order to reduce escalation, often resulting in life threatening situations.

Education across society is key. Educating our magistrates and Police force is key.

The destruction and chaos coercive control leaves behind is devastating.

I was continuously monitored, financially abused, psychologically abused, controlled and manipulated. This happened over a period of time until he had full control. The fear, the confusion, the isolation, the struggles were all part of a grand plan by the perpetrator. The courts sent him home to reoffend on numerous occasions, the police weren't educated on the complexities of how his mind worked as he manipulated them as well. I lost everything I had worked for. Fortunately for me, I can call myself a survivor but many others aren't so lucky. This needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. Coercive control needs to be criminalised in NSW /Australia sooner rather than later.

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