*This is a draft that you might like to adapt and send off to parliamentarians and other prominent people/organizations. This is most relevant for Tasmania which has already criminalized coercive control and NSW/Qld which have passed such legislation and are in the process of training police/judicial officers to weaponize the laws against men. Remember that most other states, particularly Victoria, currently only have coercive control as part of DV laws, rather than as criminal offences. You need to adapt your letters according to where you live and do try to personalize them.*

*Note, if you are sending this to a member of parliament, please include your full name and address to ensure it receives proper attention.*

To: Title of politician/organisation

Subject: Coercive Control

Dear \*\*\*

As you support addressing domestic violence in our community, I am writing to express my concern about the state government’s coercive control legislation and to ask that you use your influence to seek to deliver fair treatment for both male and female victims.

The new legislation is being promoted by activists and passed by parliaments in NSW and Qld as “lifesaving” laws designed to protect women. We would all support laws that could genuinely save women’s lives, but the evidence suggests this is not the case with these laws. When coercive control laws were first introduced in the UK and Tasmania, they had no effect on domestic homicide and academic research fails to support this link. See [here](https://www.mothersofsons.info/coercive-control-and-homicide).

Given this lack of evidence, I find it shocking that in Australia, the grieving parents of Hannah Clarke were exploited after their dreadful family homicide and persuaded that their daughter and grandchildren may not have died if coercive control laws had been in place. It is an indictment of our gullible media and legislators that this unfounded assertion was allowed to go unchallenged.

Even Evan Stark, the feminist academic who invented coercive control in 2007, didn’t endorse such claims. This is a man who had no background relevant to criminal law, yet came up with this new pattern of “coercive” behaviour [claiming](https://www.mothersofsons.info/what-is-coercive-control) only men were perpetrators – a claim which abundant evidence has disproved since then. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data [shows](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/personal-safety-australia/latest-release) men and women are equally likely to suffer the emotional abuse described by Stark.

Yet we are now passing laws which wrongly assume that only women are victims of coercive control. Police and the judiciary are being [trained](https://www.mothersofsons.info/roll-out-to-target-men) just to prosecute men and ignore female perpetrators. Recently passed laws in NSW are currently on hold because lawmakers are nervous that women could be charged. A recent [ABC](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-05/tasmania-police-family-violence-orders-misidentifying-victims/102037672) report claimed Tasmania is facing a “growing misidentification crisis” where police have “mistaken the victims for the perpetrator,” charging women with coercive control. It’s very telling that police are still able to properly determine who is at fault in these troubled families, despite ongoing indoctrination teaching them to ignore female perpetrators.

It is totally inappropriate that police and the judiciary are being conscripted to support one side of the gender war. I alert you to the compelling [arguments](https://www.mothersofsons.info/cc) made by the Mothers of Sons organisation, exposing what’s going on here. I hope you will speak out to unwind these discriminatory policies.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.