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Cc/ Hon Natalie Ward, Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Hon. Michael Daley, Shadow Attorney General

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To the Hon. Mark Speakman,

established in NSW. Under the proposed draft bill, coercive control perpetrated by a person against their intimate partner would be a crime, but the same behaviour perpetrated in other circumstances would not be classified as a crime. For example, coercive control perpetrated by an adult child against their aged parent, or by a carer against a person with a disability who is dependent on their care, or by an extended family member or kin against another family member (including Indigenous kin relationships), would not be covered by the proposed draft bill. In effect this further marginalises priority populations including older people, people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from migrant and refugee background by denying them the same access to the justice system as those in intimate partner relationships.

### 3. Immediate establishment of an independent implementation taskforce

We call for the NSW Government to immediately establish an independent coercive control implementation taskforce before the Bill is introduced into Parliament. This taskforce should have oversight of the draft legislation, consultation processes, and the implementation process, including systems and cultural reform as well as training, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation. If the NSW police and justice system aren't sufficiently trained with significant cultural reform undertaken, if our communities don't understand what coercive control is, and if support services aren't funded to provide support to women throughout the process, the proposed legislation will not provide justice for those it has been designed for and who need it most. We must have independent, transparent oversight and evaluation to ensure the legislation leads to appropriate convictions, and that it is not harming victim-survivors.

The NSW Women's Alliance and undersigned supporters ask you to listen to the advice of sexual, domestic, and family abuse experts in the development of this bill. At an absolute minimum we urgently request a second round of consultation on the amended exposure bill.

The changes we need to see in policy and legislation regarding domestic and family violence MUST be informed by those who have lived it. We MUST consider all communities within NSW, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We MUST ensure police, the courts and the legal fraternity are trained appropriately and cultural and systems reforms are implemented, to ensure victim-survivors of coercive control are not re-traumatised. We MUST take the time to criminalise coercive control in order to keep victim-survivors in NSW safe.

The co-signees ask that the above concerns be immediately addressed by the NSW Government before this proposed legislation is passed.

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