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consultation on the Bill, including with priority populations who will be most affected by the

and enforced. This would also reflect the call for greater consistency in domestic abuse

control and the risk of victim-survivors being wrongly identified as perpetrators of coercive control. The Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control acknowledged

6. Concern that the Bill only sets one review process for the Bill

We are concerned that the Bill only proposes a one-off review, after the period of 3 years from its commencement.¹⁴ We support calls to amend the Bill to include regular reviews of the legislation. This is vital to ensure that the law is working effectively in practice and is refined to best support the rights and interests of victim-survivors and others. This is especially needed given the short-time frame for consultation on the Bill.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Bill is revised to include regular and ongoing reviews of the operation of the legislation, with the first review no more than 18 months

