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Parliamentary inquiry opens into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Bill 2022

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The NSW Upper House has referred an inquiry to the Standing Committee on Social Issues into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Bill 2022.

The Bill was introduced by Attorney General Mark Speakman SC MP, and amends the *Crimes Act 1900* to create a standalone criminal offence of coercive control.

Coercive control is a form of domestic abuse involving current and former intimate partners, including control over finances, communication and contact. In his second reading speech, the Attorney General described coercive control as an "insidious domestic abuse involving systematic patterns of behaviour with the cumulative effect of denying victims their independence and autonomy."

Chair of the committee, Hon Scott Barrett MLC said, "The committee recognises the strong public interest in this Bill. We look forward to hearing from key stakeholders regarding this important reform at our upcoming public hearing."

The committee will hold a public hearing on Monday 31 October 2022, and table its report on 4 November 2022.

For information about the inquiry, including committee membership and the terms of reference, please visit the committee [webpage](#).

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For further information, please contact the office of Committee Chair, the Hon Scott Barrett MLC, on (02) 9230 3728.