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4. Are there any other comments or observations that you wish to make regarding An Coimisiún's research programme?

I wish to comment on section B residency and voting rights. I think we need an urgent review on eligibility for voting at Local Elections.. It was never envisaged that we would have so many migrants, for whatever reasons, in such a short period of time. Many will have achieved the status of being resident in Ireland for a year by June 2024 and thereby be eligible to register to vote. The effect of this, in areas of smaller populations with big concentrations of migrants could have a very significant effect on the outcome of Local Authority elections. As many of these migrants are vulnerable, this could lead to exploitation and large swathes of votes being induced to vote for certain candidates. I would urge the Commission to make this a priority to avoid a potentially catastrophic situation.

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