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And in response to the questions in yellow taken on notice:

We aren't aware of other supports or interventions in jurisdictions other than Victoria, that could be adopted, other than examples of what we see in Victims' Services schemes in NSW, where victim-survivors of crime are provided with a number of counselling sessions and access to one off payments to support re-building their lives and adapting to a new situation post trauma and dislocation.

And, as we mentioned, the promotion of understanding in the public space around coercive control as it applies to domestic and family violence. This same messaging could be applied to the group-based coercive control we see in high control groups and cults.

In terms of a piece of material or work from The Religious Trauma Collective that reflects best practice that could be utilised:

We are the only registry for Australian practitioners working in the recovery from religious trauma and harm caused in high control spaces.

In 2026, we are opening up support groups for this cohort including advocates. We understand that these also don't exist in the format of ongoing closed groups that we will offer.

We will also be offering training for practitioners working with clients recovering from cults as a self-paced online resource.

And finally, in 2026, we will also be hosting our second annual online event which goes for three days and is open for practitioners as well as survivors of high-control religious and cult groups. There is also nothing else of its kind in Australia.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Warmly,

Jane

