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Subject: RE: LA LSIC Thank you | Inquiry into the recruitment methods and impacts of cults and organised fringe groups

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To clarify some things taken on notice:

Tore Klevjer Cult Information Family Support

The student body I was referring to is the SEN or Student Experience Network. I have had a zoom meeting with them and they were going to pursue avenues of awareness across Australian universities but I'm not sure what has been done.

Swinbourne uni has made efforts to have speakers attend as well as have designed their own cult awareness flyers.

Regarding commune based cults where ex members are at a loss when re-entering society: At present there are not many, we have the Twelve Tribes group in Australia and Gloriavale in NZ as well as a few smaller cults such as the Oberon cult recently in the news for a child death, William Kamm Little Pebble. However I think my point remains relevant in that many second generation survivors from various groups such as Brethren, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Children of God, often have no networks outside the church, and their education has also been compromised. So in this sense they are spiritual refugees needing assistance in navigating the complexities they face in society.

I would also like to draw your attention to a previous submission to the Australian Parliament from CIFS written by my predecessor that outlines more clearly our position.

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Another damaging group that has come onto our radar is Sphinx Spiritual on the Mornington peninsula. I have had a few reports now of marriages being broken up and increased demands on time and finances.

In closing I don't envy your position and while I agree with identifying coercive behaviours, I also think that a law that is not enforceable is not a law at all. I think that the process and debate about what constitutes coercion will be a legal can of worms.

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