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1. Has the Act reduced or stopped change or suppression practices? Describe any impact you think the Act has had on the occurrence or the nature of change or suppression practices.

I believe that the Act has caused great confusion for those in many forms of church ministry, and even in families. Parents are unsure as to whether their stance of teaching their children biblically based values on morality and sexuality could be considered "suppression".

2. To what extent do you think the community is aware of and understands: a. the Act and how it works b. what change or suppression practices are and c. the harm caused by change or suppression practices

I think the general community is basically ignorant about the Act. Any caring person does not wish to see a vulnerable person harmed, so at face value, many would say that the Act is a good move, and therefore would give it tacit agreement. Yet like so much in legislation, there are often unintended and unseen consequences for the community that reach far beyond the perceived scope of the Act. These unintended consequences affect situations such as those seeking help for (say) same sex attraction through professional counseling, prayer, pastoral care, etc.

3. Could the Act's operation and effectiveness be improved? If so, how?

I believe that the Act could definitely be improved, by paying greater intention to what "suppression" actually means in terms of the Act.

6. Is greater clarity needed about how people of faith can hold and express their beliefs to support clear understanding and compliance with the Act? What forms of clarification would be most helpful?

This is definitely a contentious part of the Act. Greater clarity is definitely needed in situations when people of faith are intimidated in their pastoral care duties, prayer, or simply in biblical teaching due to concerns that such situations - even when sought out by a vulnerable person - may be seen as "suppression". No one should be coerced against their will - but by the same token, no person of faith should be prevented from giving guidance and assistance where requested.

