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**ITIM Australia is offering free counselling for people affected by the Melbourne CBD shootings**

*Melbourne, Victoria – June 18, 2007* – ITIM Australia is offering free counselling, debrief and support for people affected by the Melbourne CBD shootings.

Dr Lindsay McMillan, Chief Executive Officer of ITIM Australia, said “I am saddened to hear of the tragedy that occurred this morning.

Many of those who may have witnessed or been affected by this morning’s events may not have access to support.”

People wishing to access the free counselling can call the 24/7 toll-free line **1800 337 068**.

Face to face or telephone counselling is also available.

This counselling is offered to people who do not have current counselling support available to them.

ITIM is one of Australia’s leading providers of Trauma Response, Employee Assistance Programs and People Risk Strategies and Solutions. ITIM Australia counsellors were also involved in the recent Burnley Tunnel incident.

ITIM Australia is a national company committed to providing human support services since 1960, employing qualified psychologists, counsellors and chaplains.

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