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Ms. Marion Van Rooden,
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Dear Ms. Van Rooden,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th inst. received this day, I as well as many other Victorian women have lost their children when we complained to and about DHS, through the protocols mentioned in your letter.

We are however gathering strength, and are each completing a chapter, so that our voices, and the voices of our children will finally be heard.

The Victorian Ombudsman, and Bernie Gerry, the child safety commissioner, have all gone down the same path, to no avail. Both have reports and letters [in writing] that state that DHS is internally regulated, and therefore nothing is done. Moreover, that so called investigations, as usually not done at all, or the perpetrators are simply telephoned by DHS, and no further action taken, if was at all.

DHS has adopted the "protective parent" system, so if one person or parent makes a report regarding a child/ren, then DHS will not act, as they believe that the "protecting Parent" will compensate for the abuser.

This is why over 26 Victorian children who are known to DHS die each and every year.

DHS latest avenue for their vexatious claims are fought and won in the family court, where evidence is not required, this is how so many of us have lost our children, all of us however complained to DHS via the channels you recommended.

Yours faithfully,
Sue Harmer.

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