

Protecting Victorias Vulnerable Children Inquiry
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Dear Inquiry

I have been asked to resubmit my submission date the 19.4.2011 so one of my main concerns is that children are being returned to their parents when drugs are still in the house hold.

When I asked a senior DHS worker why this is the answer was;

A lot of people in the community use marijuana and are able to look after their children so there is no reason to treat families who has lost their children any differently

Heavy and long term users have trouble coping with daily live and users do use other drugs off and on over their life.

I feel this is a reason that children are returned to care because the problem was not solved in the first place.

Yours truly

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