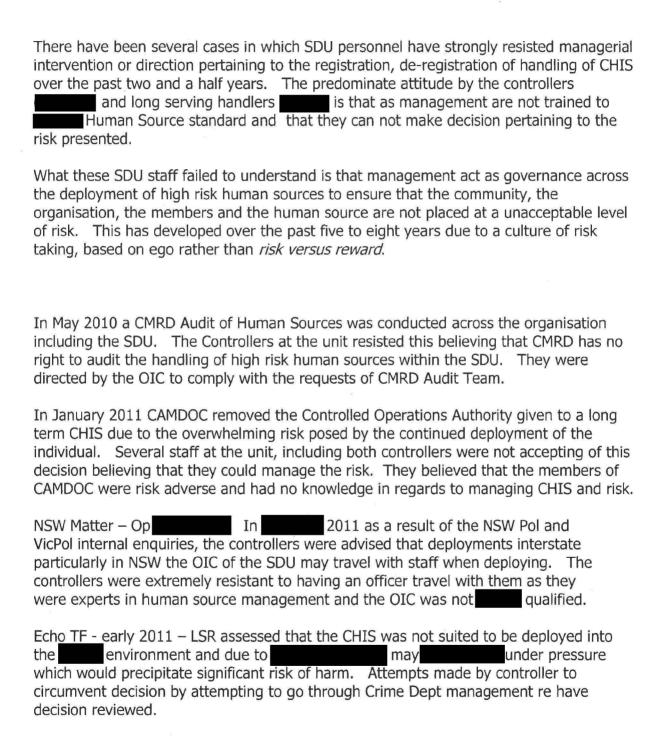
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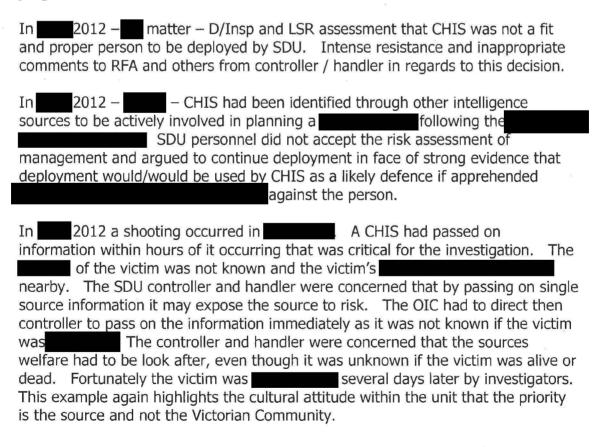
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In mid 2011 one of the controllers at an operations meeting sought feedback from staff as to notifying a long term human source that search warrants were about to be executed on associates addresses. The OIC stopped this immediately and spoke with the controller who thought that it was not an unreasonable suggestion.

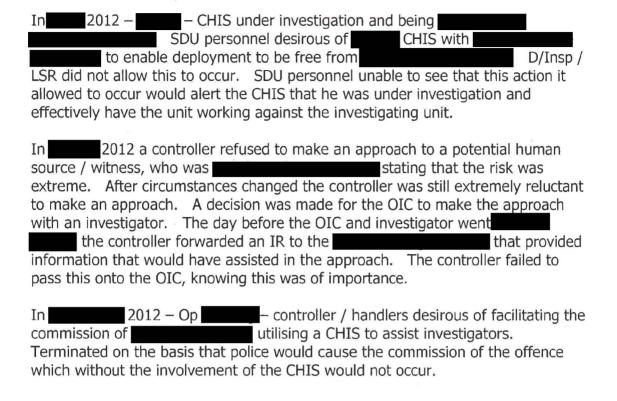
At a training day in late 2011 several staff expressed that in their role as human source handlers their first loyalty was to the high risk human source and not the Victoria Community and the Victoria Police Force. When the OIC explained to them that their loyalty should be to the Victorian Community, the people that they had sworn to protect, they still believed that "they should look after the source first." This clearly demonstrates that they have lost connection with the organisations philosophies.

Op Miko Trial (AFP) - In early 2012 a trial involving the largest seizure of ecstasy in Australia was underway. There were several defendants in the matter including some well known importers and traffickers of drugs. One of the controllers at the unit wanted to try and get two of the defendants to become human sources. The controller wanted to approach the potential human sources in the grounds of the court. When the OIC of the unit did not allow this, the controller struggled to understand that his actions if allowed to continue had the potential to have a lengthy Supreme Court trial being aborted and bring adverse publicity to Victoria Police. The controller failed to understand the 'risk versus reward' in source management and allowed his professional ego get in the way of making a sound judgement in this matter.



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