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The Go Slow Government

"Regardless of the Northern Territory Coroner's recommendation, the Minister for Family and Community Services does not see the urgency of having a residential rehabilitation program for petrol sniffers up and running immediately".

Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling, was referring to the Government's response to the NT Coroner's recent recommendation that residential rehabilitation programs be immediately implemented.

"Nearly 12 months ago the Government introduced the Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention law", said Mrs Braham.

"Sure, they committed $10million to a program. But a year on, there are still no regulations, still no rehabilitation residence, and still no definite date of when these will be implemented".

In question time today the Minister advised that the rehabilitation centre would not be operational until some time early next year.

"How many more coronial inquiries and recommendations from Coroners will it take to get some action out of this slow Government?".