

28 October 2013

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Senate Standing Committees on Economics  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to make a submission to the Senate enquiry into the operation of ASIC.  
This submission is in two parts.

No. 1 :-

The first part is in relation to the failure by ASIC to act in view of the string of failures by Mr. Les Freeman starting in 2004 with the winding up by ASIC of Co-Develop Australia.

Four weeks later Mr. Freeman was allowed to go to the market to raise capital of up to \$56 million for the same company CoDevelop (without the hyphen) with former ASIC chief Mr. Barry Adams.

The subsequent list of failed companies (too many to list here) indicates that ASIC failed in their duty to investors. Who is ASIC accountable to?

No. 2 :-

The second part is in relation to the failure by ASIC to properly investigate complaints made by us in May 2013 which related to the liquidation of one of Mr. Les Freeman's companies, Citywide Cabinets, formerly EuroDirect.

This complaint was that the liquidator acted improperly. All ASIC asked us for was correspondence between us and the liquidator, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This limited amount of correspondence could in no way highlight the failure to follow procedure which resulted in the liquidator auctioning property which belonged to us and giving the proceeds to creditors.

This initial submission is limited to pertinent facts. We have all of the paperwork to verify claims.

**In summary:-**

- 1. We believe ASIC failed in its duty to investors.**
- 2. ASIC's investigating procedure borders on an insult to our intelligence.**

**Yours faithfully,  
Dorman Investments Pty Ltd**

**R.K. and B. Dorman**