

Senate Inquiry

Home warranty

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Inquiry Into Australia's Mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme

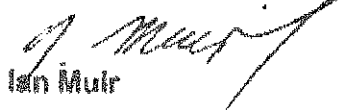
Dear Senators

A proper inquiry into this matter is long overdue. I have been a builder in NSW for over 40 years. The home warranty situation in NSW has been a farce for ten years. I have had to sign guarantees to insurance companies to keep working as a builder.

The insurance is only good for death disappearance and bankruptcy. I am 63 years old. My major concern is that should I die while I am still working that the insurance company will pay out on my work and make a claim on my estate. At the moment my partner will have no debts if I die. I want my partner to be secure in our home in the event of my death. After my contribution to society over 45 years of building and training apprentices. I think this is just plain wrong.

If I have a defect in my work I rectify it. This situation to me is the same. Its defective work by governments. I believe that the same should apply that government has the same moral and ethical responsibility to rectify its defective work that I do.

Yours faithfully,



Ian Muir

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