

6<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Committee Secretary  
Senate Economics Committee  
Department of the Senate  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Committee,

This brief email is to respond to the inflammatory written submission (numbered 17 on the committee website) by Mr Glenn Simpson where the HIA have embarked on a deliberate campaign to discredit both the evidence and character of myself and Mr Joseph.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the committee that the Builders Collective have no intention of entering into any sort of public slanging match with the Senior National executives of HIA and will not be responding to the misleading information given in that HIA submission.

Rather, the Builders Collective will forward a collection of documents to the Committee for personal and confidential consideration. These documents will clearly refute the allegations made by Mr Simpson, which allegations clearly sought to undermine the credibility of the evidence given by us on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

The Committee can then consider these documents without being subjected to, and sidetracked by the sort of public brawling that Mr Simpson and the HIA have already undertaken. While it is not surprising, it is very disappointing that the HIA have again decided to 'play the man' in this inquiry, when the issue of Last Resort Builders Warranty Insurance remains such a malignant cancer on our industry, an industry which includes their own builder members.

The Builders Collective of Australia remains focused on the need to remove the statutory fraud of Last Resort Builders Warranty Insurance from the Australian building industry.

The case for removing it is overwhelming and the Builders Collective are committed to achieving that end and will resist any attempts to distract either us or the committee from that objective.

Kind regards,

[Phil Dwyer and Russell Joseph](#)

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