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Subject: Submission for more transparency and accountability on the Built Environment.

My main concern is the way Fair Trading is treating we the people who bought a Home in a Stratum in NSW, as if we do not have any rights.

"According to Mr Mr Duler in Victoria (ABC website), who works for a fire and forensic engineering firm, Basic Expert, said common problems include faulty fire detection, smoke ventilation and sprinkler systems, walls and plumbing not sealed properly, and unsafe fire exit and elevator systems.

"I would put aside about \$3 billion," Mr Duler said.

"It's going to be the biggest and most expensive exercise we've experienced in decades.

"We've got a lot of buildings here. They haven't been done right since 1995, 1997.

["As time went on builders knew they could get away with things, so it's just been increasing since.](#)

He said some buildings were beyond repair.

"I would like to see some buildings demolished," he said.

The Victorian government is trying to solve part of the problem but the Federal Government who should have made sure that imported material complied with the Building Code did not bother to do its work.

The natural environment in NSW has been destroyed instead of protected as was the intention well before 1994, when old trees on a property were protected and councils were in charge and good councils made sure of that. We know that trees provide us with clean air, stop salinity so buildings and roads do not start crumbling, Why is the State Government with all the information that it has not taking care of our biggest asset?

By destroying older buildings and with the increase of population, the State Government increased water consumption on the driest continent.

Instead of recycling our grey and rainwater to water our trees and gardens the state government was only taking into consideration the revenue it would get from people wasting our precious natural resource.

We also know that cement not only increases climate change, but it uses a great amount of water.

The insurance premiums are going up and some professions in the building industry and buildings will not be able to pay for it. My question: why have the governments knowing the problems that we are /will face done nothing about it? Who will be answerable to people who bought or are buying on those buildings?

Finally, we need Transparency and more importantly accountability by all forms of government in charge of our built environment.

Yours sincerely

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