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To: Policy
Subject: Have your say

Hello

I would like to have my say regarding the proposed increasing the threshold for owner-builders permits to \$20,000.00

Over the years the builders licence has been watered down to a point where a home owner can hire a "Butcher" or "shoe repairer" of weekend handyman / Accountant to carry out building works to the value of \$20,000.

Licensed builders who have to carry insurances, Home warranty and set up costs. How can we compete with a weekend handyman with no qualifications or insurances and usually wanting cash only payments.

Therefore licensed contractors / builders pay tax and these weekend unlicensed people work for cash. Who can compete with this.

How is the home owner protected using unlicensed people ?

I did not know it was difficult to deal with a licensed and insured tradesman or builder who is regulated compared with an unlicensed uninsured person.

What is the transparency when the unlicensed person gets cash.

I would also like to add that to be able to have my say was very difficult to find on your web page. I had to call your office to find out where to search. The polite receptionist agreed.

Is this a deterrent in having our say.

Sounds like Uber in the building industry.

Instead of this,

Why don't you make obtaining Home Warranty Insurance easier.

Why is home warranty renewal so onerous.

Why do I need an accountant for days to prepare my application every year.

Why am I restricted with the amount of work I can do.

Why is my building record never taken into consideration.

Why do you compare and throw all builders in one basket regardless of experience and good record.

Why are the premiums so Cheap. If **you** the government can't break even raise the premium. If a builder cant afford the premium then he should not be working. That should be the 1st criteria.

If an unlicensed person can do works up to \$20,000 then a licensed builder should be allowed to do all works without home warrant up to at least \$50, 0000.

Why do we always have a struggle with government.

Please help and make it easier for small business not harder.

Thankyou for letting me have my say.

Kind Regards