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Submission Inquire into Western Australia's Home Indemnity Insurance Arrangements

Economic Regulation Authority

As a small builder over the past few years it has become increasing hard to obtain the Home Indemnity insurance as insurance company's are requiring deeds, financial statements and bank statements and to top it off we have to pay them a fee arranging from \$240.00 dollars and higher to assess our submissions.

Small builders are charged three to four times the cost of the Home Indemnity Insurance compared with the big building company's which are also indemnified by the Government. The Government should take a good look at where the trades are coming from as the small builders train by far the major number of apprentices with very few coming through the big builders.

As it is the Home Indemnity Insurance is not working fairly and the Government needs to look at the problem and act and commit to assisting all the building industry equally.

A warranty insurance provided by the Building Industry and underwritten by the Government is required .

Yours sincerely

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