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Dear Sir,

Concerning home building protection. In Tasmania, we have not got a hope. HIA only protect shoddy builders and I hope they read this because they have not got any ethics at all, so how do they expect builders to have any.

Mr Silberberg of HIA, why don't you pull your head from sand and look at the people, like me, being ripped off by your shoddy builders. All you say to builders, she will be right mate, he can't afford to take you to court. Also, HIA builders are not required to sign building contract, also you do not get any help from consumer affairs etc. The first thing you hear is I know so and so I have not seen him for years. No help from ACCC or Trade Practices Act, they are all afraid of these so called 1st class tradesmen. We have now had 3 reports on our shoddy home and we are still fighting. Also what hope have we got when work-place standards will not get off their rear ends and will not even investigate a claim.

I am in the process of writing a book which may save someone else from being ripped off and if there is any one who is willing to help in any way what so ever I would be happy to accept help. Also anyone in our situation please do not think you will get any help from any government do gooders because you will not. Also I think all builders, before building a home, should have to put \$20,000 into a fund and if they stuff up and will not fix shoddy work it should go to home owner as part payment. Also the people who should help and just turn a blind eye to all these should be held responsible for all mental stress caused to people who are being ripped off.

When getting a home built, all you need is a video camera, a tape recorder and a good lawyer and please remember do not trust anyone.

Thankyou
Murray Holloway