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The HIA concerns about rising housing costs are commendable but to single out TAX as the only issue is not correct.

The HIA did nothing to protect the homeowner when the HIA members increased the house prices in WA by up to 15% prior to the introduction of the GST due to labour shortages.

On the 1 July 2000 HIA members added the GST to the house prices ie house prices went up 25% (15% +10%) in about 18 months.

Regards

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