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Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into Building Quality in the ACT

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From: Kumara Weligama
To: [LA Committee - EDT](#)
Subject: RE: Inquiry into building quality in the ACT
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Dear Committee Secretary,

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We bought this unit as an investment property to build a sufficient fund for our retirement as we do not want to rely on age pension at that stage. When we were buying the unit, we had a complete trust on the laws and regulations in building industry in ACT.

It has been emotionally and financially stressful for us since we have found out that the Complex has structural issues. Instead of building our wealth for the retirement, we have been financing ever ending process of finding a justice.

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We have two kids. One is studding in the university, the other in the high school. Both are still depending on us. It is financially and emotionally draining experience to wait several years for the claim to be processed.

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Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

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