A motion to support the victims of the collapse of Alice Springs-based Carey Builders has passed through the Legislative Assembly.

Member for Braitling, Adam Giles, moved the motion on the basis of a series of Government blunders that left 13 Alice Springs families who had commissioned Carey Builders exposed and financially vulnerable.

The Assembly calls on Government to:

1) Engage a qualified person to report on the amount required to fund the outstanding costs of people affected by the Carey collapse;
2) Provide for other builders to complete the outstanding works to allow for full building certification of those homes;
3) Establish a fund to cover the cost of works for people whose homes were left unfinished, with that money to be paid back after the sale of the property – whenever that is.

“The passage of this motion sends a very clear signal to the Henderson Government that its blunders will not be tolerated by this Parliament,” Mr Giles said.

“On an individual level, there are 13 families in Alice Springs who are paying mortgages and interest on homes that they will remain empty into the foreseeable future.

“This is the cause of a great deal of heartache to the families involved and the Assembly today acknowledged the Government’s negligence in failing to properly inform them when Randall Carey was belatedly de-registered.

“The motion sends out a clear signal that it’s time for Government to implement its long-awaited home warranty insurance scheme to avoid a similar occurrence.”

Mr Giles said Independent MLA Gerry Wood’s amendments helped the Country Liberals’ get most of the key points of their motion over the line.

“His support was obviously crucial to having this motion carried through the Assembly and I hope it serves as a reminder to the Chief Minister and Labor that the interests of families will always take precedence over the interests of Government.

“On the other hand, it was disappointing to see the responsible Minister, Gerry McCarthy, turn his back once again on the Carey families and vote against offering them Labor’s support.”

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