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# Call to report house faults

CONSUMER advocates have called for houses to be sold with inspection reports similar to roadworthy certificates for cars.

They said house buyers risked purchasing "lemons" or faced paying for inspections on houses that were sold to other people.

Advocates said they wanted the State Government to make it compulsory for vendors to supply independent building inspection reports with sale documents.

The law would be similar to the ACT where vendors provided reports on pests, asbestos, code compliance, energy efficiency and structures.

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ers' Association deputy chief executive Norm Crothers said it was common for buyers to face \$20,000 repair bills.

"The lack of disclosure means people are being ripped off," he said. "This is especially the case if the vendors know (about defects)."

Jenni Wright, of Morrell & Koren, said some properties attracted multiple buyers who each paid up to \$500 for an inspection.

Real Estate Institute of Victoria chief executive Enzo Raimondo said compulsory reports would add credibility to sales.

He said the association would be happy to discuss the issue with the Government.