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## **NDP joins homeowners in call for greater protection for new home buyers**

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Queen's Park

Today, a group of new homeowners came to Queen's Park to highlight the enormous problems they have experienced with the Tarion Corp, which administers Ontario's New Home Warranty Program.

NDP MPP Michael Prue's Beaches-East York constituent, Bev Craddock has had to live with poor heating and ventilation and a lack of hot water in her new home for over 4 years.

"Ms. Craddock has had to put up with faulty heating, ventilation and air conditioning for far too long. She runs out of hot water regularly. She has spent most of her free time fighting with Tarion instead of getting the help she needs from them. This has to stop." said Prue.

Brampton Gore Malton MPP Jagmeet Singh is the NDP's Critic for Consumer Affairs and will be introducing a Private Member's Bill which seeks to hold Tarion more accountable to unsuspecting new home buyers

Singh says the problem is that Tarion operates independently of government. It is a private corporation financed by builder registration, renewal and home enrolment fees.

The bill would change that, putting Tarion under the scrutiny of Ontario's ombudsman, an arm's-length officer of the provincial government whose job is to investigate public complaints about government services.

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