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## 'State's best' award precedes collapse

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**BBC HOMES directors were preparing to wind up the company - leaving customers and subcontractors in the lurch - when they fronted up to the Queensland housing awards on Friday to pick up one of the main honours.**

The Housing Industry Association named BBC Homes managing director Stacey Rimene the state's best building industry partner at its awards last week because of her commitment and dedication to the industry.

Four days later, liquidators were appointed to the company, which has built about 60 homes at the Highland Park estate in Upper Coomera in the past two years.

Shocked Gold Coast tradesmen and homeowners yesterday gathered outside half-finished houses at Highland Park to discuss how they would be affected by the collapse of the Brisbane-based company.

BBC Homes customer Penny-Lee Beck is facing the possibility of having nowhere to live with her family two weeks from now, after paying about \$600,000 for the house and land in the past 12 months.

"We have to get out of our rental property in 15 days," she said. "I don't know where we are going to go."

Ms Beck was also yesterday forced to guard the house after hearing angry tradesmen were breaking into BBC Homes houses to take back materials in lieu of what the building company owed them.

Some people the Bulletin spoke with, including Elias Briffa, said they had paid deposits to BBC Homes just two weeks ago and were left with nothing to show for it.

Liquidator Ivor Worrell, from Worrells Insolvency, said he was unsure of the size of the company's debts at this stage.

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