

Water supply issue affecting housebuyers

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PETALING JAYA: The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (Rehda) has urged the government to quickly resolve the water issue in Selangor as it has affected buyers of completed homes.

Rehda president Datuk Seri FD Iskandar said some 700 units of completed homes in the Klang Valley have not been issued the Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) as these homes do not have water supply.

"Water supply in the Klang Valley is a huge issue now. The latest figure I have from Selangor was 441 units from developers who completed their development, some have even been completed for six months but cannot get the CCC. In Kuala Lumpur, there are about 300 units," he said at a briefing on Rehda's

Property Industry Survey 2H 2017 yesterday.

Due to the absence of the CCC, buyers of such units have not been able to obtain their keys and move in.

Iskandar said some of these buyers may still be renting, which is an additional cost to them.

In addition, developers may need to compensate buyers with liquidated and ascertained damages (LAD) if they are not able to hand over the units within the stipulated time.

FD said this may result in developers extending the time frame for completion or increase prices slightly in case they need to pay LAD for their future projects.

"Consumers shouldn't be bearing the brunt of this poor management. It is a problem that has to be settled.

"We urge the government, whether federal or state, to resolve this issue as soon as possible," he said.