

NIRCA: contractors shortage was avoidable

RESTRICTIVE supply-chain strategies are causing delays to flood-damaged property repairs, according to a contractors' industry body.

Attendees at the launch of the National Insurance Repair Contractors Association, hosted by the Chartered Institute of Builders, highlighted how contractors

in the affected areas have the capacity, skills and equipment to handle flood claims, but their services are not being utilised because they are not part of an approved panel.

NIRCA chairman and managing director of the Withers Group Rob Withers commented: "The industry is voicing concerns over

contractor efficiency, capacity and equipment shortages yet in a lot of cases, these issues have arisen because of the constraining processes. Those using their traditional supply-chain tactics in a surge situation must look at the wider resources available to them.

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