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Be aware of Spanish scammers

Queensland Fair Trading Minister Margaret Keech yesterday warned of an “international timeshare reselling scam which has just hit Australia”. “Spanish scammers call timeshare owners out of the blue, offering to buy the timeshares on behalf of their clients,” Ms Keech said.

“A generous offer is made and a contract sent to the owners.

”However, in order for the deal to go through, they must first send an evaluation or administration fee by money transfer.

“Afterwards, the owners hear nothing back and the advance, often totalling a few thousand dollars, is lost.”

A representative from the NZ Holiday Ownership Council said anyone buying or selling timeshares should check with their resort managers or the NZHOC on the bona fides of the people they were dealing with.