



Meredith Cooper was fleeced out of her life savings. Source: Channel 9/A Current Affair.

A vulnerable woman has revealed her agony after losing \$156,000 of her life savings to cruel scammers who are targeting elderly residents in Australia.

Meredith Cooper, 78, admitted she now feels ashamed and “a fool” for falling for the con which, like many similar ones across the country, saw a group of men knock on her door in Sydney following the recent horrific storms and convince her that she needed extensive, and expensive, home repairs doing.

Appearing on Channel 9’s *A Current Affair* on Thursday night, she explained the men — who were led by a man calling himself ‘John’