



MEDIA STATEMENT

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\$65,000 in fines for unlicensed building work

When 17 unlicensed workers were discovered on a construction site at Brisbane's Woody Point earlier this year, the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) took action.

Recently Dragons Renovation (NSW) Pty Ltd was fined \$40,000 in Redcliffe Magistrates Court for offences which included carrying out over \$2 million worth of unlawful plastering work and pretending to be licensed.

The QBCC Acting Commissioner Kellie Lowe said that unlicensed building work can be extremely damaging to the livelihoods of hard-working Queenslanders who make their living as licensed contractors.

"The QBCC strives to ensure that people are appropriately licensed for the work they are being paid to do, and has been prosecuting companies and individuals that contract without a licence."

Cairns company AA Transportables Pty Ltd was recently fined \$15,000 after the QBCC discovered it had continued to carry out building work while unlicensed, despite being prosecuted previously for the same offence.

Brisbane Balustrade Group Pty Ltd, a company that primarily contracted on the Gold Coast, was also fined \$10,000 for unlicensed contracting and pretending to be licensed.

The QBCC was determined to prosecute Brisbane Balustrade Group Pty Ltd as the company's director, Mark Stachura, (also known as Marek Stachura), had been a director, secretary and shareholder of other deregistered companies, previously fined by the QBCC.

"The problem of 'phoenix' companies has had a devastating impact on the construction industry, and the QBCC has zero tolerance for individuals engaging in this type of unscrupulous behaviour," Ms Lowe said.

Anyone with concerns about unlicensed work can call the QBCC 24/7 on 139 333 or visit www.qbcc.qld.gov.au

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