



Building Services Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

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\$170,000 in fines for building offences in Toowoomba

Convictions and fines of \$170,000 have been handed down in Toowoomba Magistrates Court to the directors of the Rethink Kitchens and Bathrooms company and related entities, for defective and unlicensed building work.

The convictions follow fines of \$235,000 to the same entity in 2011, for similar offences.

Building Services Authority General Manager, Ian Jennings, has welcomed the result of the action, which was launched by his organisation.

“Thanks to BSA investigations, magistrates courts in Queensland have handed out more than \$600,000 in fines for unlicensed and defective building work offences in the current financial year,” Mr Jennings said.

Mr and Mrs Mithiran and Yameni Kirupairajah were the directors of Outback Products Pty Ltd and Cinnamon Developments Pty Ltd, which traded under various ‘Rethink’ trading names.

“The convictions follow numerous complaints to the BSA of defective work and notifications of offences from consumers across South East Queensland, mostly in the Toowoomba area,” Mr Jennings said.

Neither of the companies of which Mr and Mrs Kirupairajah were the directors had a BSA licence.

“Rethink carried out mostly kitchen and bathroom installations and those installations were almost all defective or faulty in some way,” Mr Jennings said.

He said the result was a strong warning to anyone considering undertaking unlicensed or defective building work.

Yameni Kirupairajah was fined a total of \$120,000 plus legal costs of \$5,183.10 on 27 April. In default she will serve imprisonment of two months.

Uthaya Kirupairajah was fined a total of \$50,000 plus legal costs of \$5,183.10 on 27 April. In default he will serve imprisonment of one month.

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