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### BSA Hammers Home Smart Building

A new campaign to hammer home the message to only use licensed contractors for building work began this weekend the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing, Robert Swarten announced.

Mr Swarten said the six week campaign by the Building Services Authority would raise Queenslanders' awareness about building issues and assistance provided by BSA.

"We want all Queenslanders to follow this simple drill when engaging a builder — if they can't show you a BSA licence...show them the door!" he said.

"The building industry in Queensland is worth in excess of \$16 billion including \$6.3 billion in the residential sector.

"Shoddy building work and rogue contractors can have a devastating effect not only for consumers but across the industry."

An information booklet *Helping Queenslanders Build Better* was inserted in newspapers throughout the state over the weekend.

"The key messages in the booklet will be supported by television commercials, posters and various promotional activities throughout the state," he said.

"In addition to reinforcing the importance of using licensed contractors we want consumers to have a better understanding of BSA's advice and information resources including the new 1300 phone service (1300 272 272).

"We have the toughest laws in the country when it comes to building and giving Queenslanders the best consumer protection.

"We are the only state that provides a comprehensive licensing regime, dispute resolution processes and the unique statutory home warranty insurance scheme for all domestic building work worth more than \$3,300 if undertaken by a licensed contractor."

If you missed a copy of the booklet in the paper over the weekend, visit your local BSA office or phone 1300 272 272.

[Helping Queenslanders Build Better Booklet](#)