



Building Services Authority

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The best time to build in Queensland is...NOW!

Despite the economic doom and gloom, there has never been a better time for renovating or building a new home in Queensland.

And the Building Services Authority (BSA) is coming to Mackay to present a FREE seminar on how to go about your building project.

The seminar called "Smart Building and Renovating" will be held at the Mackay Entertainment Centre on Thursday 30 April at 6.30pm.

The seminar will guide homeowners through the building and renovating process, from financing your project and choosing a contractor, to getting a written contract for the work and maintaining the work after completion.

Industry experts will explain how to go about common renovations like bathrooms, kitchens and laundries, and give homeowners an idea of who to go to for further advice on new construction, alterations and additions.

BSA general manager Ian Jennings said because of the economic downturn, building contractors are more likely to be available to start work ASAP, and can offer more competitive rates for homeowners.

"And people lucky enough to live in the Smart State benefit from the best-regulated building industry in Australia.

"Licensed Queensland contractors have proved they have the technical skills and financial security to meet BSA's vigorous licensing criteria.

"Homeowners engaging a licensed contractor to do building work are also protected by the statutory Queensland Home Warranty Scheme insurance, which protects them against defects, subsidence and incomplete work.

Mr Jennings said for all these reasons, there has never been a better time to build or renovate in Queensland.

"This BSA seminar is the best place to start if you are looking to improve your most valuable asset and take advantage of these times."

WHAT: "Smart Building and Renovating" – a building advice seminar for people wanting to renovate or build their own home
WHERE: Mackay Entertainment Centre, Alfred Street, Mackay
WHEN: 6.30-8.30pm Thursday 30 April 2009
RSVP: Call 1300 272 272 or email bsaseminars@bsa.qld.gov.au.

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