



Building Services Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Convictions and fines of \$295,000 for building offences

General Manager of the Building Services Authority, Ian Jennings, has said the conviction and \$100,000 fine handed out this week to an unlicensed contractor should serve as a reminder of the risks involved in unlicensed contracting.

Brenton Wayne Butler was convicted and fined \$100,000 in the Brisbane Magistrates Court on 15 February for a number of breaches of the Queensland Building Services Act (QBSA) and Domestic Building Contracts Act (DBCA).

Further, Simply Bathrooms Renovations Qld Pty Ltd was also convicted and fined \$195,000 for breaching a number of legislative provisions of the QBSA and DBC Act.

Costs of more than \$17,960 were also awarded against Mr Butler and Simply Bathrooms Renovations Qld Pty Ltd.

“The presiding magistrate noted during his sentencing that while no custodial provisions exist regarding the breaches, he would have considered them had they existed,” Mr Jennings said.

“This decision should serve as a stark warning about the serious penalties that can be applied for unlicensed contracting and other building-related offences.”

The BSA issued a public warning against Mr Butler and Simply Bathrooms Renovations Qld Pty Ltd and a number of related entities in February 2011 for alleged breaches of the QBSA and DBC Act.

If you are unsure if the person or company you are contracting with is licensed or holds the correct licence to do the work, please contact the BSA on 1300 272 272 or conduct an online licence search at www.bsa.qld.gov.au

The matters were heard in the Brisbane Magistrates Court from 24-26 October 2011 and the decision was handed down on 15 February.

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