



Building Services Authority

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Project manager fined \$3,000 for unlicensed contracting

The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) recently prosecuted property development company, Gallery Group Pty Ltd, for performing unlicensed building work in Port Douglas.

Gallery Group Pty Ltd was appointed project manager in relation to a contract to construct two two-storey dwellings.

Gallery Group Pty Ltd pled guilty to one count of undertaking to carry out and carrying out building work without holding a contractor's licence of the appropriate class under the *Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991* (the Act) on the basis that it undertook to, and did, provide management and administrative services which, under the Act, is considered building work which requires a BSA licence.

Magistrate Thomas Braes convicted Gallery Group Pty Ltd of unlicensed building work, with no conviction being recorded. Magistrate Braes ordered the company to pay a penalty of \$3,000 and the BSA's costs of \$1,066.50.

BSA's Acting General Manager Col Wright said that the Court's decision was a very good outcome for BSA, particularly for a matter involving unlicensed building work of an administrative or managerial nature as opposed to actual 'hard' building work.

"I urge all people operating in the Queensland building and construction industry to be aware that, under the legislation, building work is not restricted to physical construction and they should ensure they are appropriately licensed for the work they are performing," said Mr Jennings.

Mr Jennings said people can phone 1300 BSA BSA to find out if they need a BSA licence for the work they intend to perform.

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