



Building Services Authority

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BSA SUSPENDS LICENCE OF MARSHALL THOMPSON HOMES (QLD) PTY LTD

The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) today suspended the building licence of Marshall Thompson Homes (Qld) Pty Ltd.

BSA General Manager Ian Jennings said the BSA took immediate action to suspend the licence today as it had become apparent that the company would be unable to continue to trade.

“The BSA believed that the company posed a risk to subcontractors and their employees, consumers and suppliers if it continued trading,” Mr Jennings said.

“The BSA therefore took immediate action to suspend the building contractor’s licence of Marshall Thompson Homes (Qld) Pty Ltd.”

Marshall Thompson Homes (Qld) Pty Ltd had 11 homes under construction from Brisbane’s northern outskirts to the Sunshine Coast, with a further six customers who had paid a deposit.

The suspension means the company must immediately cease carrying out any building work, including completing existing jobs.

The BSA placed a no new work condition on the company last Friday, November 7, 2008, as it had concerns whether the company met the financial requirements for licensing.

Mr Jennings said the BSA will work closely with these consumers, to assess their entitlements under BSA’s Statutory Home Warranty Insurance Scheme and assist them to complete their homes as quickly as possible.

“Queensland consumers are fortunate that they have access to the best home warranty insurance in the country,” he said.

“If this company were to fail in NSW or Victoria the consumers would have virtually no recourse to insurance and be forced to resolve these problems on their own.

“In the coming week the BSA expects to meet with the affected consumers, arrange inspections of all sites, and organise the completion of houses, enabling consumers to get their homes back on track.”

Anyone affected by the suspension should contact the BSA on 1300 BSA BSA or visit www.bsa.qld.gov.au for more information.

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