

MEDIA STATEMENT – PUBLIC WARNING

Christine Ann Kirby-Ryan trading as Display Partners, and Zlatko Mar and Tina Lee Sellars

29 May, 2017

This is a warning by the Commissioner of the QBCC to the public under section 20J(1)(h) of the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991*

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) is urging consumers, contractors and suppliers to exercise extreme caution in their dealings with Christine Ann Kirby-Ryan trading as Display Partners, and also with Mr Zlatko Mar and Ms Tina Lee Sellars.

Ms Kirby-Ryan is also director of a company called Display Partners Australia Pty Ltd.

It is alleged that Ms Kirby-Ryan, trading as Display Partners and Display Partners Australia Pty Ltd, has been carrying out unlawful building work in the Bay Islands, including Russell Island. The QBCC is continuing its investigations into these matters.

If you have had dealings with these entities in relation to building work, please contact the QBCC.

Mr Zlatko (Zac) Mar and Ms Tina Lee Sellars are also believed to be involved in the business dealings of Ms Kirby-Ryan trading as Display Partners.

The QBCC issued a Public Warning against Mr Mar on 29 June, 2016 and successfully took action against him in the Magistrates Court in February 2017 for unlawful building work, licence borrowing and various contract offences. Mr Mar is known by many aliases, including Zak Potochnic.

The QBCC also took successful court action in 2016 against companies Mr Mar had been associated with – TS Home Services Pty Ltd and MR Lifestyle Constructions Pty Ltd*. Ms Sellars was the director of these companies at the time of offending.

The QBCC warns all persons who deal with Christine Ann Kirby-Ryan, trading as Display Partners and Display Partners Australia Pty Ltd, and all persons who deal with Mr Mar or Ms Sellars, to exercise extreme caution and seek legal advice before entering into contracts or making any payments, to protect their interests.

Information received by the QBCC suggests that Mr Mar and Ms Sellars may have left the Bay Islands area and may be seeking to undertake building work without a licence in the Coomera or Gold Coast areas.

The QBCC urges home owners to conduct research before engaging contractors, and recommends engaging a licensed contractor, even for small jobs.

Anyone with doubts as to whether an entity is licensed or holds the appropriate licence to do the work can conduct a free online licence search at qbcc.qld.gov.au or contact the QBCC on 139 333.

* MR Lifestyle Constructions Pty Ltd should not be confused with Lifestyle Construction Queensland Pty Ltd, which is a QBCC-licensed entity (Licence# 1286378) and is not related to MR Lifestyle Constructions Pty Ltd.

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