



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Ipswich shed masterminds nabbed in Dayboro

Paul De Bruin, Johnathan Melein, LBM Projects Pty Ltd and DMV Ipswich Pty Ltd were recently fined \$67,000 for unlicensed building activity in Dayboro.

The men were also ordered to reimburse the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) more than \$29,000 for payments made under the home warranty scheme in relation to these offences and to pay for more than \$3,300 in court costs.

The offences in Dayboro were committed between September, 2014, and January, 2015.

Whilst trading as 'The Shed Company – Ipswich', the men undertook to do building work without an appropriate licence from the QBCC. They also traded under the name 'Patos and Sheds – Ipswich'.

The men took deposits and progress payments from unsuspecting home owners, but failed to do the work.

The QBCC has prosecuted these individuals and their associated companies multiple times, with the most recent matter heard in the Caboolture Magistrate's Court on 6 July, 2016.

From November, 2015, to January, 2016, the entities were fined collectively more than \$200,000 for unlicensed building activity that affected six home owners in the Ipswich, Beenleigh and Brisbane areas.

QBCC Commissioner, Brett Bassett, said that the QBCC would take every step within its powers to prosecute individuals and companies that sought to take advantage of unsuspecting home owners.

Mr Bassett said that home owners could call the QBCC (24/7) on 139 333 or visit www.qbcc.qld.gov.au to check the licence credentials of anyone they are considering using to perform building work.

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Further to this, 'The Shed Company – Ipswich' franchise was cancelled by The Shed Company due to the behaviour of Mr De Bruin and Mr Melein.

The Shed Company and its other franchises are in no way related to the offences committed by Mr De Bruin and Mr Melein.

Please note: Decisions of the Commission can be subject to appeal and judicial review.

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