

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Warning about risks in unlicensed building work

The building industry regulator has warned the public about using unlicensed entities, after four companies were collectively fined more than \$40,000 for unlicensed building work services and other offences.

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) urged the public to only contract with licensed individuals or companies, regardless of the size of their project.

Iridium Holdings Pty Ltd (previously known as Members Alliance Holdings Pty Ltd), Mapi (QLD) Pty Ltd, Silverback Constructions Pty Ltd, and Image Building Group Pty Ltd were issued more than \$40,000 in infringement notices by the QBCC earlier this month.

QBCC Commissioner, Brett Bassett, said that anyone who may have contracts with any of these entities should seek legal advice, particularly if considering reassigning or novating the contracts to another builder.

“The QBCC took decisive action in issuing these infringement notices following an intensive investigation showed these companies were engaging in unlicensed building work services and other offences,” Mr Bassett said.

Iridium Holdings Pty Ltd and Mapi Pty Ltd were never licensed by the QBCC and were fined for unlicensed building work services.

Silverback Constructions Pty Ltd had its licence cancelled in December, 2015 for operating without a nominee, and Image Building Group Pty Ltd had its licence cancelled in June, 2015 for failing to comply with a financial audit.

“Home owners who enter into a contract to carry out building work should ensure that those entities are licensed to perform building work. The QBCC has a range of tools to assist home owners to do this,” Mr Bassett said.

QBCC investigations found that home owners had entered into contracts with Image Building Group Pty Ltd and, subsequently, Silverback Constructions Pty Ltd, based on advice provided by Iridium Holdings Pty Ltd.

Home owners purchased properties at locations including Roma, Bowen, Pimpama, Coomera, Upper Coomera, Kilcoy, Monto, Gympie, Karalee, Logan Village and Brassall.

If any consumer is approached by any persons associated with the four companies listed above to perform building work, they should check to see if those individuals, or companies associated with them, are appropriately licensed to do that work.

Anyone seeking to report alleged offences by any of these companies is encouraged to contact the Queensland Police Service on (07) 3364 6622.

To check an entity's credentials or licence history call the QBCC (24/7) on 139 333 or go to www.qbcc.qld.gov.au

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