

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Rogue builder runs out of luck

An unlicensed individual who caused considerable damage to a Gold Coast home has been tracked down in New South Wales and served with a summons after a tip-off from the public.

Dean Geason was served with a summons in Brunswick Heads last night by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC), to appear in Southport Magistrates Court on 16 October.

QBCC Commissioner, Steve Griffin, said a member of the public had alerted the QBCC to Mr Geason's whereabouts after reading a QBCC media release about his activities.

On 24 October, 2013 Mr Geason was fined \$2,200 for unlicensed contracting at a property at Bilinga, on the Queensland-NSW border.

He failed to pay the fine and until yesterday had evaded the QBCC and Queensland Police Service's efforts to serve him with a summons.

Mr Griffin said the case showed that the Commission did not stop pursuing unscrupulous individuals. "Information from the public is just one of the methods used by the Commission," he said.

"The Commission has also acquired stronger compliance powers this year, including enhanced surveillance and financial investigation capabilities, which have increased our ability to hold rogues accountable."

Mr Griffin said the case against Mr Geason unfortunately highlighted the problems which can occur when consumers used unlicensed individuals and did not use a contract.

He said property owners with queries about any person they were considering contracting with or the building process in general, could contact the Commission 24/7 on 139 333.

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