

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Public warning about unlawful building activities

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) has issued public warnings about two people in relation to unlicensed and unlawful building work activity in Brisbane.

The QBCC has urged consumers, contractors and suppliers to be cautious in their dealings with:

- RICKY ALLAN HEATH, who is known to trade under the business names, Phoenix Concrete Services and Dakota Concrete
- BRIAN JOHN BYRNE, known to trade under the business name, Action Painting Contractors.

QBCC Commissioner, Steve Griffin, said the QBCC had previously issued fines to Mr Heath for offences committed against the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991*.

He said Mr Heath continued to undertake building work without holding an appropriate QBCC contractor licence. The Commission is currently investigating further instances of alleged unlawful building work by Mr Heath.

The QBCC cancelled Mr Byrne's licence on 4 January 2013 and since then, Mr Byrne has been issued with numerous infringement notices for offences including unlawful building work. The QBCC has received defective building work and monies-owed complaints against Mr Byrne and is currently investigating him for alleged unlawful building work.

"The QBCC warns anyone dealing with these people to exercise extreme caution and seek legal advice before entering into contracts or making any payments, to protect their interests," Mr Griffin said.

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

If you are in doubt as to whether the entity you are contracting with is licensed or holds the correct licence to do the work, please conduct a free online licence search at [www.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au) or contact the QBCC 24/7 on 139 333.

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