

MEDIA STATEMENT

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QBCC prosecutes another unlicensed builder

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) has taken action against an unlicensed company for undertaking to carry out unlawful building work and demanding excess deposits from two property owners in Woodridge and Marsden, south of Brisbane.

Contract Services QLD Pty Ltd, whose director is Mr John Elvey, was recently fined \$8,000 and ordered to pay restitution of \$3,500 by the Beenleigh Magistrates Court for offences related to unlicensed building work. In both cases, the works were not completed and refunds were not given.

QBCC Commissioner, Brett Bassett, said that this case demonstrated the QBCC's continuing focus on identifying and prosecuting those who break the law, by operating while unlicensed.

Since 1 July 2015, the QBCC has audited more than 1,100 building sites to identify unlicensed operators.

Mr Bassett said that while the QBCC would continue to undertake licence audits, it was important for property owners and real estate agents to perform their own due diligence and check the licence credentials of anyone they were considering using to carry out building work. "This is important, even if someone has recommended a company or individual to you," he said.

Conduct a free licence check at www.qbcc.qld.gov.au or call 139 333 (24/7) for information about a company or individual's licence history.

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