



Building Services Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Record fine for unlicensed contracting over Torres Strait desalination plants

A record fine for unlicensed contracting has been issued to a company which was installing five desalination plants in the Torres Strait.

General Manager of the Building Services Authority, Ian Jennings, said a case brought by the BSA saw Garard Moulded Pre-Cast Pty Ltd convicted and fined \$60,000 in Cairns Magistrates Court on 15 March.

Company director Denis Joseph James was convicted of unlicensed contracting and fined \$12,000, operations manager Leslie John Szkirpan was convicted of unlicensed contracting and fined \$8,000 and each man was ordered to pay costs of \$950.

Mr Jennings said the record fine was a strong deterrent to unlicensed contracting and would help to protect the community, subcontractors and project tenderers.

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