

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Rockhampton building blitz nabs 11 suspected offenders

A compliance blitz at 53 building sites in the Rockhampton area has seen eight people fined and two others under investigation for suspected unlicensed building work.

A builder was also fined for allegedly engaging a suspected unlicensed contractor.

Commissioner for the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC), Brett Bassett, said QBCC officers interviewed 190 people during a week of audits at Taranganba, Lammermoor, Norman Gardens and The Range.

Mr Bassett said the audits were part of the QBCC's ongoing focus to identify and prosecute unlicensed builders.

"Audits demonstrate our commitment to ensuring peace of mind for licensed builders who are doing the right thing and for home and property owners who want to contract with licensed operators.

"Unlicensed individuals face fines of \$2,356 each, and builders who engage unlicensed workers could be fined \$942."

Mr Bassett said that it was important for home owners to undertake their own due diligence on the builder they are considering using to work on their property.

"If a home owner engages an unlicensed builder, they are not protected in respect of defective or incomplete work.

"This means that the owner may have to pay for the rectification of any defective work, instead of being able to access the QBCC's home warranty insurance scheme," Mr Bassett said.

He urged anyone considering undertaking building work to conduct a free licence search on the QBCC website, which provides the full history of a licence and the type of work that can be performed with that licence.

Licence searches can be undertaken on the QBCC website at [www.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au)

The QBCC is also contactable 24/7 on 139 333.

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