



IT'S TIME TO DO THOSE LOW-RISK RENOVATIONS!

With the recent relaxation of council consents for many low-risk jobs, people are getting ready to fix those front porches and build that backyard shed. We've listed a few of the consent changes below to give you an idea of what you can do yourself.



Single-storey detached buildings up to 30 square meters

such as sleep-outs, sheds and greenhouses, awnings and water storage bladders will now not require a council-approved building consent.



Ground floor verandas and porches up to 30 square metres

In addition to the current exemption the new exemptions will mean you can build a veranda or deck of up to 30 square metres on a ground floor with exceptions.



Carports up to 40 square metres

In addition to the current exemption, the new exemptions will mean you can build a carport up to 40 square metres in size with exceptions.



Outdoor fireplaces or ovens

The new exemptions mean you will not need consent for an outdoor fireplace or oven built up to a maximum height of 2.5 metres, and with a maximum cooking surface of 1 square metre.

All building work will still have to comply with the current building code. Some work will still require an engineer to sign-off the design or a building practitioner to supervise work being done. DIY, but build it right. And don't forget, measure twice, cut once.

We offer Project Management services so you don't have to worry about your build or renovation project. We can also help you out with finding quality tradesmen so you can avoid the cowboys. If you need help or advice you can depend on – give Paul a call at QSPlus. His new phone number is 027 900 4193.