

## QBCC LEVEL 1 RENOVATION, EXTENSION AND REPAIR CONTRACT (FOR CONTRACTS \$3,301 - \$19,999)

This Contract is recommended for minor renovations, extensions, improvements and routine repairs of a home (including a house, duplex or unit), or associated work (e.g. landscaping, construction of a retaining wall, pool or spa, driveway, fencing, etc.), where the contract price is more than \$3,300 but less than \$20,000.

- For renovations, extensions, improvements and repairs priced at \$20,000 or more the **QBCC Level 2 Renovation, Extension and Repair Contract** is recommended.
- For repairs of any value arising from natural disasters, the **QBCC Natural Disaster Repairs Contract** is recommended.
- For construction of a new home, the **QBCC New Home Construction Contract** is recommended.

### HOMEOWNER'S BOOKLET

#### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

This Contract Pack consists of the following documents (most of which are held by the Contractor and will be used and copied to you as required):

**Contractor's Booklet** (including *General Conditions*)

Form 1 - *Extension of Time Claim and Owner's Response to Claim*

**Homeowner's Booklet** (including *Contract Checklist and General Conditions*)

Form 2 - *Progress Claim*

**Contract Schedule** (with any relevant plans and specifications attached)

Form 3 - *Notice of Dispute of Progress Claim*

Form 4 - *Variation Document*

**Prime Cost Items Schedule and Provisional Sums Schedule**

Form 5 - *Defects Document*

These documents form an integrated package which should not be mixed with documents from other contracts. The Contractor is required to give you 1 copy of any form you are asked to sign (e.g. Form 2 - *Progress Claim*, Form 4 - *Variation Document*, etc.). You should retain your copy of each document for your records.



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# CONTRACT CHECK LIST

(Ensure you are able to tick all boxes before signing the contract)

- CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** I have read and checked all contract documents, including the Contract Schedule, General Conditions, Special Conditions (if any) and plans and specifications. **NOTE: Your contractor must give you a copy of the entire contract, including any plans and specifications, within 5 business days of it being signed by both parties.**
- LICENCE CHECK:** I have checked the contractor's licence and track record on the Online Licence Search on the QBCC website [www.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au) The licence must be current and appropriate for your project – if in doubt, contact the QBCC.
- COOLING-OFF PERIOD:** I have read and understand my cooling-off rights as set out on the last page of the Contract Schedule and s.35 of Schedule 1B of the QBCC Act (including how and when I may withdraw if I choose to do so, as set out in s.37 of the QBCC Act).
- PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS:** I have read and understand the payment provisions, including the Contract Price and how much of this amount is fixed and what proportion is made up of allowances (the price of which may later increase), the deposit and progress payments and when these payments are required. **(NOTE: It is particularly important to know how quickly you have to pay after the contractor presents a claim for payment – normally within 5 business days, but immediately at completion).**
- START AND FINISH DATES:** I have checked the start and finish dates and practical completion requirements in the contract (The law requires that the finish date, or how it can be calculated, must be stated in the contract – DO NOT SIGN if there is no completion date in the contract.....don't rely on verbal statements by the contractor.....it's what's written in the contract that counts!).
- EXTENSIONS OF TIME:** I understand the circumstances under which the contractor may legitimately claim an extension of time and that this may delay the completion of my project (the most common causes for extensions are: agreed variations involving extra work, and work interruptions due to wet weather beyond what the contractor could reasonably have anticipated and allowed for in the contract).
- QBCC HOME WARRANTY INSURANCE:** I know whether or not this project is covered by the Qld Home Warranty Scheme administered by the QBCC and, if so, what protection that cover gives me.
- STATUTORY WARRANTIES:** I note that the QBCC Act includes Statutory Warranties deemed to be part of every *domestic building contract* priced at more than \$3,300 (warranties include: materials will be suitable and new, unless otherwise stated in the contract; the work will be carried out in accordance with all relevant laws and legal requirements and the plans and specifications; the work will be carried out in an appropriate and skilful way, with reasonable care and skill and with reasonable diligence; any allowances included in the contract will be calculated with reasonable care and skill; if the work consists of the construction, renovation, improvement or repair of a home to a stage suitable for occupation, the home will be suitable for occupation when the contracted work is finished).
- VARIATIONS TO THE CONTRACT:** I understand what documentation is required if changes to the contract (called 'variations') are necessary after it is signed **(NOTE: It is strongly recommended that such changes be kept to a minimum as they often lead to extra cost and delays. If variations are required by you or the contractor, they must be detailed in writing by the contractor, priced and signed off by you before the variation work commences. The contractor cannot seek payment before the variation work commences. Accurate documentation of variations, is essential to avoid confusion as to exactly what work is included in the contract).**
- DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** I understand what to do if I get into a dispute with the contractor. If a dispute arises and you cannot resolve the matter informally with your contractor, you should follow the procedures set out in the 'Dispute Resolution' section of the contract. The QBCC's dispute resolution services must be exhausted before any proceedings can be commenced in the Tribunal (QCAT) or a court **(NOTE: It is essential that you engage a practising solicitor BEFORE ending the contract for any reason - incorrect termination may reduce your Home Warranty insurance protection).**
- LEGAL ADVICE: (if applicable) I have, BEFORE SIGNING, discussed my questions/concerns about the contract with a practising lawyer.**

**For further general information telephone QBCC on 139 333.  
(Note: QBCC cannot provide legal advice concerning your particular contract).**

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 In this Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions in **bold** have the meaning defined or explained below:
- (a) **“Assessing Certifier”** means the private certifier or Local Government Authority responsible for granting the relevant building approvals and authorisations for the Contract Work.
  - (b) **“business day”** means a day that is not:
    - (i) a Saturday or Sunday; or
    - (ii) a public holiday, special holiday, or bank holiday in Queensland.
  - (c) **“Contract Price”** means the total price payable under this Contract for the Contract Work, including the Fixed Price Component and any allowances for Prime Cost Items or Provisional Sums, as adjusted under this Contract.
  - (d) **“Contract Work”** means all the work and supply of materials necessary for, and incidental to, the performance of the Contract in accordance with its terms, including any plans and specifications, and, unless expressly excluded, includes:
    - (i) work to make the Site accessible to the Contractor;
    - (ii) provision of any special equipment (including scaffolding where its use could reasonably be anticipated at the date of the Contract);
    - (iii) work to clear the Site for building;
    - (iv) set out of the Contract Work and survey if necessary;
    - (v) necessary structural retaining walls;
    - (vi) sewerage, draining and electrical connections;
    - (vii) provision of temporary water and power during construction; and
    - (viii) provision of clean up and disposal of waste material from the Site.
  - (e) **“Date for Practical Completion”** means the date stated in Schedule Item 7 or any extended date pursuant to this Contract.
  - (f) **“Date of Practical Completion”** means the date the Contract Work has reached Practical Completion.
  - (g) **“Finance Date”** means the date stated in Schedule Item 9 or, in the event no date is stated, the date 10 business days from the date of this Contract.
  - (h) **“Fixed Price Component”** means the sum stated in Schedule Item 1(a) of the Contract Price being the sum for which the Contractor must supply, in accordance with this Contract, everything necessary for the proper completion of the Contract Work other than the allowances (if any) for Prime Cost Items or Provisional Sums.
  - (i) **“Foundations Data”** means information about the building site required to prepare footings design and, if required, concrete slab design for the Site.
  - (j) **“Insolvent”** means:
    - (i) becomes insolvent or unable to pay that party’s debts; or
    - (ii) commits an act of bankruptcy; or
    - (iii) is made bankrupt; or
    - (iv) assigns assets for the benefit of creditors generally; or
    - (v) makes a composition or other arrangement with creditors; or
    - (vi) being a company, goes into liquidation or receivership.
  - (k) **“Practical Completion”** means the date upon which the Contract Work is completed in accordance with the requirements of this Contract, including Condition 4 and Condition 22, apart from minor omissions or minor defects.
  - (l) **“Practical Completion Stage”** means that stage of the Contract Work in which Practical Completion will be attained in accordance with this Contract.
  - (m) **“Prime Cost Item”** means any item noted in the *Prime Cost Items Schedule* being an item such as a fixture or fitting (e.g. tiles or tap fittings) –
    - (i) that has not been selected, or the price of which is not reasonably able to be ascertained, when the Contract is entered into; and
    - (ii) for the cost of supply and delivery of which a reasonable allowance is made in the Contract by the Contractor.
  - (n) **“Provisional Sum”** means any item noted in the *Provisional Sums Schedule* being an amount that is an estimate of the cost of providing particular contracted services (including labour and materials) for which the Contractor, after making all reasonable enquiries, cannot provide a definite price when the Contract is entered into (e.g. the removal of asbestos materials the extent of which is uncertain).

- (o) “**Relevant Criteria**” for materials means;
  - (i) generally accepted practices or standards applied in the building industry for the materials; or
  - (ii) specifications, instructions or recommendations of manufacturer’s or suppliers of the materials.
- (p) “**Site**” means the Site described in Schedule Item 4 where the Contract Work is to be performed.
- (q) “**Starting Date**” means whichever of the following dates occurs the latest:
  - (i) the Starting Date stated in Schedule Item 5; or
  - (ii) the day which is 10 business days after the issue of the plans duly approved by the Assessing Certifier (if approved plans are required); or
  - (iii) the day which is 10 business days after the Owner has satisfied its obligations under Condition 5.1.
- (r) “**Substantial breach by the Contractor**” includes, but is not limited to:
  - (i) failing to perform the Contract Work competently;
  - (ii) failing to provide materials which comply with this Contract;
  - (iii) unreasonably failing to replace or remedy defective work or materials;
  - (iv) unreasonably failing to perform the work diligently or unreasonably delaying, suspending or failing to maintain reasonable progress;
  - (v) failing to effect or maintain any insurance required by this Contract; and
  - (vi) failing to hold the current, active and appropriate licence or to have the authorities necessary to complete the Contract Work.
- (s) “**Substantial breach by the Owner**” includes, but is not limited to:
  - (i) failing to produce evidence of the Owner’s capacity to pay the Contract Price in compliance with Condition 5.7 of this Contract;
  - (ii) failing to pay any money due and owing to the Contractor within 5 business days of the receipt of a valid progress claim; and
  - (iii) substantially or persistently obstructing the Contractor in the performance of the Contract Work.

## 2. Price

- 2.1 The parties agree that the **Contract Price** stated in Schedule Item 1 comprises the following:
  - (a) **Fixed Price Component**; and
  - (b) **Prime Cost Items** Component (if any); and
  - (c) **Provisional Sum** Items Component (if any).
- 2.2 If the Contract includes allowances for **Prime Cost Items** and **Provisional Sum** Items, the amount of each allowance must be shown adjacent to the words ‘**Prime Cost Items**’ and/or ‘**Provisional Sums**’ in Schedule Item 1 and the Contractor must complete all details set out in the *Prime Cost Items Schedule* and/or *Provisional Sums Schedule* and give a copy of the Schedule/s to the Owner.
- 2.3 Where the Owner has not finalised its selection of a **Prime Cost Item**, the Owner must select the Item and notify the Contractor in writing of that selection in sufficient time to ensure that the performance of the **Contract Work** is not thereby delayed.
- 2.4 If the actual cost of a **Prime Cost Item** or **Provisional Sum** Item is more than the Contractor’s estimate, the Owner must pay the Contractor the increase, plus the margin (as stated in the *Prime Cost Items Schedule* or *Provisional Sums Schedule*) on the increase for the Contractor’s overheads and profits. If the actual cost of a **Prime Cost Item** or **Provisional Sum** Item is less than the Contractor’s estimate, the Contractor must deduct the difference, plus the margin, from the **Contract Price**.
- 2.5 The Contractor must provide the Owner with the invoice, receipt or other document showing the cost of the **Prime Cost Item** to the Contractor, or relating to the cost to the Contractor of the work for a **Provisional Sum** Item, before or when making the next progress claim under the Contract. The Contractor cannot seek payment for the Item until the next progress claim after the **Prime Cost Item** has been supplied and installed or the contracted services covered by the **Provisional Sum** have been completed.
- 2.6 The parties agree and acknowledge that all pricing, consideration and amounts otherwise payable under this Contract (including under any variation pursuant to Condition 16) have been or will be calculated on a **GST** inclusive basis.

### 3. Performance under the Contract

- 3.1 The Contractor must commence the **Contract Work** in compliance with the provisions of this Contract on or before the **Starting Date**.
- 3.2 The Contractor must diligently carry out the **Contract Work** and must not, except as permitted by this Contract, delay, suspend, or fail to maintain reasonable progress in the performance of the **Contract Work**.
- 3.3 The Contractor warrants that all drawings and specifications provided to the Owner by the Contractor have been or will be prepared with reasonable skill and care.
- 3.4 The Contractor shall, unless this Contract expressly provides otherwise, supply at the Contractor's cost and expense, everything necessary for the performance of the **Contract Work** and achieve **Practical Completion** of the **Contract Work** by the **Date for Practical Completion**. The Owner shall pay the Contractor the **Contract Price** in accordance with this Contract.

### 4. Warranties under Schedule 1B of QBCC Act

- 4.1 To the extent required by Schedule 1B of the QBCC Act the Contractor warrants that:
  - (a) the **Contract Work** will be carried out in an appropriate and skilful way and with reasonable care and skill and reasonable diligence;
  - (b) all materials supplied will be of good quality and suitable for the purpose for which they are used having regard to the **Relevant Criteria**, and that all materials used will be new unless this Contract expressly provides otherwise;
  - (c) the **Contract Work** will be carried out in accordance with all relevant laws and legal requirements including, for example, the *Building Act 1975*;
  - (d) the **Contract Work** will be carried out in accordance with any plans and specifications which form part of the Contract and any other Contract documents described in Schedule Item 13;

- (e) if the **Contract Work** consists of the erection or construction of a detached dwelling to a stage suitable for occupation or is intended to renovate, alter, extend, improve or repair a home to a stage reasonably suitable for occupation, that the detached dwelling or home will be suitable for occupation when the **Contract Work** is finished; and
- (f) any estimate of **Provisional Sums** or **Prime Cost Items** included in the Contract has been calculated with reasonable care and skill, having regard to all the information reasonably available when the Contract is entered into (including information about the nature and location of the building site).

### 5. Evidence of title, boundaries and capacity to pay

- 5.1 This Contract is subject to the Owner providing the Contractor by the **Finance Date** with written evidence, satisfactory to the Contractor, of the Owner's capacity to pay the **Contract Price**.
- 5.2 If by the **Finance Date** the Contractor is not satisfied by the Owner's capacity to pay the **Contract Price**, the Contractor may, no later than **5 business days** after the **Finance Date**, give written notice to the Owner that the Contract is at an end.
- 5.3 If the Owner provides no written evidence as to its financial capacity by the **Finance Date**, or advises the Contractor in writing by the **Finance Date** that it does not have the capacity to pay the **Contract Price**, this Contract is at an end.
- 5.4 If this Contract is ended under this Condition, the Contractor must, subject to Condition 5.5, immediately refund to the Owner any deposit or other money paid by the Owner to the Contractor.
- 5.5 The Contractor may deduct from the refund only those costs incurred or paid with the Owner's previous authorisation as follows:
  - (a) fees paid by the Contractor to another person for the **Foundations Data** (if required for the **Contract Work**);
  - (b) fees paid by the Contractor to another person for the provision of plans, drawings or engineering design for the **Contract Work**;
  - (c) fees paid to an **Assessing Certifier** for development and/or building approval; and
  - (d) fees paid previously agreed with the Contractor for the provision of plans for the **Contract Work**.

- 5.6 The Contractor must hand over to the Owner all documents relevant to such deductions. Each party is otherwise under no further liability to the other.
- 5.7 After commencement of the **Contract Work**, the Owner must, upon reasonable written request from the Contractor, provide the Contractor with current evidence satisfactory to the Contractor of the Owner's continued capacity to pay the **Contract Price**.
- 5.8 Prior to the date of this Contract, the Contractor has satisfied itself as to the Owner's title to the **Site** and, where relevant to the **Contract Work**, of the boundaries and position of the **Site**.

## 6. Copyright

- 6.1 A party supplying plans for use in the performance of this Contract warrants that those plans may be so used and indemnifies the other party against any action by any person claiming ownership or copyright in respect of these plans.
- 6.2 Where plans are drawn by the Contractor, the Owner agrees that, as between the Owner and the Contractor, the Contractor has copyright in those plans but the Owner has the right to cause the completion of the **Contract Work** by the Contractor in accordance with those plans.

## 7. Building approval

- 7.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Contractor shall obtain all permissions, consents or approvals required in connection with the commencement and completion of the **Contract Work**.
- 7.2 The party named in Schedule Item 12 as being responsible for obtaining building approval (or if no party is named, then the Contractor) must lodge the plans for approval within 10 **business days** of the Owner satisfying its obligations under Condition 5.1.
- 7.3 All parties must do all such things as may be reasonably necessary to obtain all permissions, consents or approvals required for the commencement of the building.
- 7.4 Either party may give a written notice to the other terminating this Contract if, without fault on the part of the party giving the notice, any permission, consent or approval necessary for the commencement of building has not issued within 3 months of the date of this Contract or such further period extended by the parties' agreement in writing.

- 7.5 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this Condition the Contractor must immediately refund to the Owner any deposit or other money paid by the Owner to the Contractor less any fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Contractor with the Owner's express consent.

## 8. Owner to effect insurances

- 8.1 The Owner shall effect and maintain during this Contract, House and Contents Insurance (including appropriate Public Liability cover) for the existing structure and its contents with a reputable and financially sound insurer and upon usual and reasonable terms. Evidence of such insurance shall be provided if requested by the Contractor.

## 9. Contractor to effect insurances

- 9.1 The Contractor must, at its cost, effect and maintain during the course of this Contract the following insurances:
- (a) all insurances required to comply with the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003*;
  - (b) all insurances required to comply with the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991* ('the QBCC Act'); and
  - (c) Contract Works insurance for the full insurable value of the **Contract Work** and Public Liability insurance for not less than 5 million dollars, both until 4pm on the **Date of Practical Completion**, with a reputable and financially sound insurer upon usual and reasonable terms which name or include as an insured the Owner and the Contractor for their respective rights.
- 9.2 Prior to commencement of the **Contract Work**, or upon request by the Owner, the Contractor must provide to the Owner written evidence that the Contract Works and Public Liability insurances required under this Condition are current.

## 10. Contractor's indemnity in favour of the owner

10.1 The Contractor shall indemnify the Owner against any liability for loss, damage, injury or death arising out of the **Contract Work** except where such loss, damage, injury or death is caused by an act or omission of the Owner.

## 11. Access to the Site

11.1 The Owner shall give the Contractor access to the **Site** as necessary to enable performance of this Contract. The Contractor does not, by virtue of this Contract, acquire any interest in the **Site**. The Contractor must permit the Owner, or a person authorised by the Owner, to have reasonable access to the **Site**, under the Contractor's supervision, to inspect the **Contract Work**.

## 12. Workplace health and safety

12.1 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

## 13. Care of the Contract Work

13.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the care of the **Contract Work** until **Practical Completion** and shall promptly make good loss or damage to the **Contract Work** caused by an act, neglect or default of the Contractor or the Contractor's employees, agents or sub-contractors.

## 14. Payment

14.1 The Owner must pay the Contractor the **Contract Price** for the **Works** calculated and adjusted as provided by this Contract in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The Owner must pay the Contractor the deposit (if any) stated in Schedule Item 2 upon the signing of this Contract.
- (b) The Contractor is entitled to claim a Progress Payment when the Contractor has achieved completion of each of the stages set out in Schedule Item 8 which claim shall consist of the percentage of the **Contract Price** applicable to that stage as set out in Schedule Item 8, subject to the following adjustments:

- (i) an adjustment for any **Prime Cost Item** incorporated in the **Works** to that stage, and not included in a previous Progress Payment, such adjustment being an increase or decrease to the relevant stage payment as set out in Schedule Item 8 depending on whether the final cost of the **Prime Cost Item** is more or less than the amount allowed and stated in the *Prime Cost Items Schedule*;
  - (ii) an adjustment for the value of any **Provisional Sum** Item completed to that stage and not included in a previous Progress Payment, such adjustment being an increase or decrease to the relevant stage payment as set out in Schedule Item 8 depending on whether the final cost of the **Provisional Sum** Item is more or less than the amount allowed and stated in the *Provisional Sums Schedule*; and
  - (iii) an increase to the relevant stage payment in respect to an amount payable under a Variation Document where the work has commenced and for which payment has not previously been made; and
  - (iv) a decrease in the relevant stage payment in respect to a variation which reduces the **Contract Price**.
- (c) Such adjustments referred to in Condition 14.1(b) shall be recorded by the Contractor on the Form 2 - *Progress Claim* or similar appropriate document and the relevant progress claim shall be adjusted accordingly.
  - (d) The QBCC Form 2 - *Progress Claim* or similar appropriate document must be accompanied by a QBCC Form 3 - *Notice of Dispute of Progress Claim* or similar appropriate written notice and any certificates of inspection relevant to the payment stage.
  - (e) The progress claim for the **Practical Completion Stage** must, in addition to the requirements specified for any other progress claim, be accompanied by a completed and signed QBCC Form 5 - *Defects Document*, or similar appropriate document.

- (f) The Contractor must make all reasonable efforts to have the Owner sign the QBCC Form 5 - *Defects Document* or similar appropriate document used to record the minor defects and minor omissions.
- (g) Except in regard to the Progress Payment for the **Practical Completion Stage** payable in accordance with Condition 22.4, the Owner must pay the Contractor the Progress Payment, or so much of the relevant claim for Progress Payment as is not disputed by the Owner, within 5 **business days** of receipt of the relevant claim.
- (h) If the Owner fails to pay a valid payment claim, or the undisputed portion of a claim, in accordance with this Condition, the Owner must pay the Contractor interest on the overdue payments at the rate stated, or the default rate provided for, in Schedule Item 11.
- (i) If the Owner disputes the relevant claim for Progress Payment or any part of it, the Owner must, within 5 **business days** of receipt of the relevant claim, give to the Contractor a completed and signed QBCC Form 3 - *Notice of Dispute of Progress Claim* or similar appropriate written notice stating the reasons for so disputing the claim or part of it.
- (j) If the dispute is not resolved by the parties within 5 **business days** of the receipt by the Contractor of the notice of the dispute, the dispute must be referred for resolution in accordance with Condition 19.

## 15. Assignment and subcontracting

- 15.1 The Contractor must not assign this Contract or the **Contract Work** without the prior written consent of the Owner.
- 15.2 The Contractor may subcontract parts of the **Contract Work** to appropriately licensed tradespersons, but the Contractor remains liable to the Owner for the **Contract Work**.

## 16. Variations

- 16.1 The **Contract Work** may be varied by way of an increase, decrease or substitution of the **Contract Work** agreed between the Contractor and the Owner provided that, before work commences, the details of the variation are put in writing in a Variation Document signed by both parties and initialled as necessary by the Owner.
- 16.2 The Variation Document may be a QBCC Form 4 - *Variation Document*, or other similar appropriate

document, with the particulars completed in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1B of the QBCC Act, signed by both parties and initialled as necessary by the Owner.

- 16.3 The Variation Document complies with the requirements of Schedule 1B of the QBCC Act if it:
  - (a) is readily legible; and
  - (b) describes the variation; and
  - (c) states the date of the request for the variation; and
  - (d) if the variation will result in a delay affecting the subject work - states the Contractor's reasonable estimate for the period of delay; and
  - (e) states the change to the **Contract Price** because of the variation, or the method for calculating the change to the **Contract Price** because of the variation; and
  - (f) if the variation results in an increase in the **Contract Price** - states when the increase is to be paid; and
  - (g) if the variation results in a decrease in the **Contract Price** - states when the decrease is to be accounted for.
- 16.4 Any increase in the **Contract Price** as a result of the variation can not be required to be paid before work the subject of the variation is started.
- 16.5 The Contractor must give the Owner a readily legible signed copy of the Variation Document as soon as practicable (but within 5 **business days**) after the variation is agreed.
- 16.6 If the Contractor has requested the variation, the Contractor is only entitled to additional payment if the variation was necessary because of circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Contractor when the Contract was entered into.

## 17. Extension of time

- 17.1 Subject to complying with Condition 17.2, the Contractor may only claim and is entitled to a reasonable extension of the **Date for Practical Completion** if:
  - (a) the need for the extension of time arises because of one or more of the following causes of delay prevents the Contractor from achieving

**Practical Completion** by the **Date for Practical Completion**:

- (i) a variation complying with Condition 16; or
  - (ii) a delay caused by the Owner or the Owner's authorised representative; or
  - (iii) a delay event stated in Schedule Item 6B which exceeds the stated allowance; and
- (b) the delay is not reasonably foreseeable and is beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor; and
- (c) the claim is made to the Owner in writing using a QBCC Form 1 - *Extension of Time Claim and Owner's Response to Claim* or similar appropriate document with the particulars, including the cause of the delay and the extension of the **Date for Practical Completion** claimed, completed; and
- (d) the claim is given to the Owner within 10 **business days** of the earlier of the Contractor becoming aware of the cause and extent of the delay and when the Contractor reasonably ought to have become aware of the cause and extent of the delay; and
- (e) the Owner approves the claim in writing using the QBCC Form 1 - *Extension of Time Claim and Owner's Response to Claim* or similar appropriate document .
- 17.2 The Contractor must take all reasonable steps to lessen the effect and duration of any delay.
- 17.3 The Contractor must give the Owner a signed copy of the claim for an extension of time within 5 **business days** of the Owner approving the claim.
- 17.4 The Owner must, within 10 **business days** of receiving the Contractor's claim, reasonably assess and return to the Contractor the said QBCC Form 1 - *Extension of Time Claim and Owner's Response to Claim* or similar appropriate document either agreeing to the extension of time claimed or giving reasons for the rejection of the whole or part of the said claim, failing which the said extension of time claim will be deemed to be disputed by the Owner.
- 17.5 Delay or failure by the Owner to agree to an extension of time does not cause the **Date for Practical Completion** to be set at large, but the Contractor shall be entitled to damages arising from the unreasonable rejection of all or part of a claim for an extension of the **Date for Practical Completion**.

## 18. Liquidated damages

- 18.1 If the Contractor fails to achieve **Practical Completion** of the **Contract Work** by the **Date for Practical Completion**, then the Contractor must pay to the Owner liquidated damages calculated at the rate provided in Schedule Item 10.
- 18.2 Liquidated damages may only be deducted by the Owner from the amount payable to the Contractor in respect of the **Practical Completion Stage**. If the Owner's entitlement to liquidated damages exceeds the amount payable to the Contractor for the **Practical Completion Stage**, the excess may be recovered by the Owner as a debt due to the Owner by the Contractor.

### WARNING TO OWNER

The entitlement to claim, and the amount to be deducted, for liquidated damages must be assessed carefully and in accordance with the Contract. Any valid extensions of time must be taken into consideration when calculating the number of days of liquidated damages which can be claimed.

## 19. Dispute resolution

- 19.1 If a dispute under the Contract arises between the parties, either party may give the other party a written notice of dispute adequately identifying and providing details of the dispute.
- 19.2 If the dispute is not resolved within 10 **business days** of the receipt of the notice of dispute, either party may refer the matter to a dispute resolution process administered by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission.
- 19.3 A party will not commence any proceedings in respect of the dispute in any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction until the dispute resolution process referred to in Condition 19.2 is at an end.
- 19.4 Where a dispute has arisen under or in connection with this Contract, including Condition 17.4, the Contractor must proceed diligently with the **Contract Work** notwithstanding the existence of the dispute.

## 20. Termination after notice of default

- 20.1 If either party is in Substantial Breach of this Contract, the party not in breach may give the other party a written notice identifying and describing the breach and stating the intention to terminate the Contract if the breach is not remedied within 10 **business days** from the giving of the notice.
- 20.2 If the Substantial Breach is not remedied within 10 **business days** of receipt of the written request to remedy the breach, the party not in breach may end this Contract by giving written notice to that effect.
- 20.3 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this Condition the Owner must pay the Contractor the reasonable value of any work properly carried out by the Contractor prior to that termination and which has not been the subject of previous payment.

## 21. Termination for insolvency

- 21.1 Notwithstanding Condition 20, should either party become insolvent then the other party may, by giving a written notice, immediately terminate this Contract.

## 22. Practical Completion

- 22.1 The Contractor must give to the Owner 3 **business days** prior written notice of the date upon which the Contractor anticipates that the **Contract Work** will reach **Practical Completion**.
- 22.2 On the date specified in that notice as the anticipated date on which the **Contract Work** will reach **Practical Completion**, the Owner or the Owner's authorised representative will inspect the **Contract Work** and if satisfied that the **Contract Work** has reached **Practical Completion**, and if the Contractor produces to the Owner satisfactory evidence that all relevant inspections and approvals required by the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and the *Building Act 1975* and by any body having the relevant jurisdiction have been satisfactorily completed, the Contractor must:
  - (a) compile with the Owner, or the Owner's authorised representative, and sign the QBCC Form 5 - *Defects Document* and give a copy to the Owner; and
  - (b) hand over the **Contract Work** to the Owner.

- 22.3 If the Owner considers that the **Contract Work** has not reached **Practical Completion** the Owner must as soon as practicable give the Contractor written notice of those matters which are required to be done for the **Contract Work** to reach **Practical Completion**. The Contractor must carry out such matters as may be necessary for the **Contract Work** to reach **Practical Completion** and must otherwise proceed in accordance with the preceding paragraph.
- 22.4 When the Contractor has satisfied all of its obligations under Condition 22.2 the Owner must immediately pay the Contractor the progress claim for the **Practical Completion Stage** (as adjusted under Condition 18, if applicable).

## 23. Defects after completion

- 23.1 The Contractor shall make good any defects or omissions in the Contract Work which become apparent to the Owner within 12 months of the **Date of Practical Completion**.
- 23.2 If there are any such defects or omissions, the Owner must, as soon as practicable but no later than 12 months after the **Date of Practical Completion**, give the Contractor written notice to make good such defects or omissions and must give the Contractor reasonable access to the **Site** for that purpose.
- 23.3 Subject to reasonable access being provided, the Contractor must within 28 calendar days of the notice being given rectify any defects or omissions notified to the Contractor under Condition 23.2 during usual business hours.

### WARNING TO OWNER

QBCC is only able to direct contractors to rectify non-structural defects for a period of 12 months from the **Date of Practical Completion**. QBCC therefore recommends that you carefully check the contracted work, and notify the contractor in writing of any non-structural defects you identify, well before the expiry of this 12 month period.

## 24. Notices

- 24.1 Any notice under this Contract must, unless otherwise stated, be given in writing and sent to the party to whom the notice is to be given at the address stated in the Schedule, or such other address as is subsequently advised in writing, in one of the following ways:
- (a) delivered to the other party by hand; or
  - (b) delivered by prepaid post to the address noted in the Schedule; or
  - (c) sent by facsimile to the facsimile number noted in the Schedule; or
  - (d) sent by email to the email address noted in the Schedule.
- 24.2 Any notice sent by post is deemed to be given at the time when by the ordinary course of post it would have been delivered.
- 24.3 Any notice sent by facsimile is deemed to be given at the time when a valid transmission report is received by the sender.
- 24.4 Any notice sent by email is deemed to be given in accordance with the following provisions:
- (a) the notice is deemed given at the time the email is sent provided it is sent before 5.00pm on a **business day** at the place of receipt on the day it is sent and otherwise on the next **business day** at the place of receipt, provided:
    - (i) the sender's computer or email account does not receive a message that the message has not been delivered (including an 'out of office' message); and
    - (ii) the email has been received fully and in legible form by the receiver; and
    - (iii) the receiver has not advised the sender in writing that a notice cannot be given to them by email for the stated period.





## Contact list

The contact list below is provided to enable you to conveniently record the names and contact details of people and organisations important to your project. Keep copies of all important papers regarding your project in a safe place.

### YOUR PERSONAL CONTACTS RELEVANT TO YOUR BUILDING PROJECT

	Name & Email	Other Contact Details
Solicitor	Name:  Email:	  
Finance Provider (if any)	Name:  Email:	  
Building Designer or Architect	Name:  Email:	  
Building Contractor	Name:  Email:	  
Site Supervisor	Name:  Email:	  
Building Certifier	Name:  Email:	  
Local Government	Name:  Email:	  
Insurance Company	Name:  Email:	  
Building Consultant	Name:  Email:	  
Neighbours (if relevant)	Name:  Email:	  