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To whom it may concern,

If I had more time I would love nothing more than to add a great deal more insights and anecdotes to the succeeding content in this email but unfortunately I will have to keep it short and straight to the point. Thanks to the likes of Scott Cam and others who shall remain nameless and their moronic renovation television programs portrayed as entertainment, the building industry in Australia now has never been more trivialised. To select one main point from the above mentioned and focus on the concept of extending Owner/Builder works is in my opinion not open for any debate. For many years now Banks, Insurance companies and peak industry bodies have been very clear on many levels that Owner/Builder projects are high risk on too many points to bother mentioning in this email alone. In response to these pressures and foremost a no compromise approach of using Certified, Experienced and Licensed tradespeople a company like mine is based on providing High quality low risk construction outcomes. With all of this being so, my sub contractors and I still face continuing struggles impressing on potential clients that we have and must pass on Mandatory costs in running our businesses. Number one, first and foremost, making people pay for our industry knowledge and guarantee's of certified quality workmanship. The main Reason why we still have these issues is the owner/ builder alternative which people unfortunately still do explore. Largely, people don't continue with this alternative as it currently has the greatly deserved restrictions on it from the above mentioned corners of the industry and in my opinion that is the way it should stay, period. Tradespeople and Builders alike find nothing more demoralising and insulting than real life so-called "Block Stars" and "Renovation Queens" devaluing their very industry by being able to "double up" on their day job and turn into a carpenter, painter or even a PLUMBER by night or weekend whenever they feel that they are up to the task. In summary, Continuing reviews into suitably experienced tradespeople prior to licencing is a high priority, making Processing of insurances, applications and approvals by licensed Builders and tradespeople will always be welcomed. I beg those at the cutting tip of directing the items of discussion to forget Continuing inclusion of anything outside of industry endorsed works and leave Owner/Builder restrictions as they are to protect our industry and all it stands for. Thank you again for the invite to comment.

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