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# FITTING OF SINKS

The letter below from the Plumbers' Licensing Board confirms the present arrangements regarding the fitting of sinks. It is suggested that members photocopy it and keep it in a prominent place, so that the next time you have an irate builder or plumber on the phone you can read them the information.

16 March 2009

Mr Vince Iozzi  
President  
Cabinet Makers Association of Western Australia PO Box 1683  
OSBORNE PARK WA 6916

Dear Mr Iozzi

Re: Fitting of Sinks and Basins by Cabinetmakers

This letter confirms that the Plumbers Licensing Board are still considering the implementation of changes to the regulations to address this issue. Until then the arrangement that was agreed in 2005 is still current.

The consultation process undertaken by the Plumbers Licensing Board in 2005 is still current. As you would be aware the Board considered all issues raised at the focus group and the following was agreed:

Cabinetmakers should be able to continue to clip and glue sinks and basins into bench tops without the need to obtain a restricted plumbing license. It was also noted that: Whilst a cabinetmaker would be able to glue and clip a sink or basin into a bench top, the licensed plumber responsible for the installation of the sanitary pipes would ultimately be responsible for the installation of the sink or basin.

It was also stated that until the regulations were formally amended that: Prosecution action would not be taken against a cabinetmaker installing a sink or basin into a bench top provided no connection to the sanitary pipe was made. Whilst the Board is considering changes to the regulations, this arrangement is still in place and it is not the intention of the Board to change this in the near future.

All stakeholders that will be affected by a change to regulations to formally include the above, will be informed of progress. Stakeholders would also be notified if a change was impending to allow stakeholders to advise relevant parties.

Phil Payne  
Manager  
Plumbers Licensing Board

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor

In today's economic climate everyone is fighting hard to make ends meet and none more so than today's apprentices. When something good occurs from time-to-time to help the apprentices it is not right that it should go by unnoticed. For example, with the cost of materials and hardware continually escalating, and you can't blame anyone for that as we all have to make a living, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to afford their training. I wish to bring to your attention an offer of assistance which is currently helping to keep the cost of training down for the apprentice.

The Furniture Technology Department at Balga TAFE wishes to thank Mr. Greg Wise and acknowledge Hettich Australia for their contribution to training through a generous donation of hardware items for student projects. Donations of hardware such as drawer systems and hinges are not only assisting to keep down the costs for apprentices training but is helping to ensure that training is relevant to industry requirements and ensures that students are exposed to the current hardware used in industry.

Other contributions such as tools, board and laminate products, veneers and edging which have contributed directly to apprentice training over the past 12 months have been gratefully received from;

- Blackwoods,
- The Laminex Group,
- World Wide Timber Traders, and
- Atelier Furniture Interiors,

and we here at Swan TAFE wish to acknowledge those companies that strive to make a difference.

Kind regards

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