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Guy Barnett, Minister for Building & Construction

Government making summer renovations easier with new building reforms

Summer is a great time to work on the house and there's never been a better time to take on that renovation you've always thought of doing.

The Hodgman Government's nation-leading building reforms came into effect this week and we've completely removed all of the red tape for low risk projects.

Under Labor and the Greens it would often take longer to fill out the forms and get the approvals than it did to actually complete the building project itself. But under the Hodgman Government if you want to build a new deck, a new garage or even a porch, there are no more building permits, fees or forms. Just get out there and build.

Tasmanians love a DIY project and we want to see more people adding value to their homes under our new laws. The benefits will be felt right through the community, especially in hardware stores like Becks in Launceston, which I visited today. More home building and renovation projects will provide a huge boost for Tasmanian retailers and help support jobs.

But it's not just DIY Tasmanians that will benefit. Licensed builders and plumbers will no longer need council building permits for a range of works, up to and including two-storey homes.

Tasmanians, especially those working in the building and construction industry, which employs close to 20,000 locals, will benefit through less red tape and more common sense rules.

More information is available here -

<http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/building2016>

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