

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **RPEQ reprimanded for unsatisfactory professional conduct**

A recent Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (**QCAT**) decision resulted in a registered professional engineer (**RPEQ**) being reprimanded and penalised for unsatisfactory professional conduct.

The Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (**BPEQ**) began disciplinary proceedings in QCAT after investigating a complaint about the RPEQ received from another statutory authority.

The complaint related to the RPEQ's conduct in preparing designs, certifying and issuing an inspection certificate for a slab and footing system for the construction of a multi-residential town house complex.

QCAT found that the RPEQ's conduct was of a lesser standard than might reasonably be expected by the public or professional peers; and demonstrated incompetence or lack of adequate knowledge, skill, judgement or care.

QCAT made the following orders:

- Reprimanded the RPEQ
- Imposed a pecuniary penalty of \$9,000
- RPEQ to pay the costs of the investigation of \$11,454.30
- RPEQ to pay the costs of the proceedings of \$30,045.70
- If any amount payable is not paid by the due date, the RPEQ's registration will be suspended until the amount is paid

These orders have been published under the RPEQ's disciplinary record on BPEQ's register, which can be viewed by the public.

BPEQ may commence disciplinary proceedings in QCAT if it believes a RPEQ has breached the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* or the *Code of Practice for Registered Professional Engineers*.

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