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Warning - don't deal with Mr Robinson

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) is warning consumers not to deal with builder Maurice Robinson of Elizabeth East.

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Mark Bodycoat, said "Robinson has previously shown blatant disregard for the licensing system which exists for consumer protection. Time and again he contracted for building work, whilst not being licensed to do so."

On 5 May 2006, in the Supreme Court of South Australia, OCBA obtained an interim injunction against Robinson. Robinson is currently restrained from:

- Arranging any form of advertising which infers that he is entitled to quote for or perform building work, including the construction of carports and verandas;
- Performing or contracting for building work that requires a builder's licence
- Holding himself out as being entitled to carry on business as a building work contractor, including providing quotes for building work that requires a licence.

On 6 July 2006, in the Elizabeth Magistrates Court, Robinson was convicted of 12 counts of breaching the Building Work Contractors Act 1995. He was fined \$18,000 plus costs. Robinson had contracted to supply and erect sheds, verandas and carports while unlicensed. Robinson's conduct occurred in the Salisbury and Playford council areas.

Mr Bodycoat said "Consumers put themselves at risk if they deal with a builder or tradesperson who does not hold the appropriate licence."

"Maurice Robinson is not a licensed building work contractor, and I strongly warn the public against contracting Robinson to perform building work."

"If, since 5 May 2006, you have had dealings with Robinson in respect to building work he has contracted to perform for you, or offered to perform for you, please contact my Office."

Consumers with information are requested to telephone Mr Carl Kittel, Supervisor of the Enforcement Unit, on (08) 8204 9705.