



# The 6 costly mistakes you need to avoid in Nelson Tasman for your renovation



#### JR CONSTRUCT



### 1. Not Choosing a specialist

It can be an expensive mistake finding someone who doesn't specialise in what your after. Get someone who can do what you want and turn your dream into a reality.

Here at JR Construct we start with a chat on the phone to find out if we can help you. We specialise in Residential renovations, remedial work on buildings and earthquake strengthening.





## 2. Using a builder, you don't trust

This could be one of the biggest investments in your life. Make sure you get to know who you are working with, how they both work on and off site, and the systems they use during the project.

Here at JR Construct we will organise to meet you onsite, give you a chance to show us what's important to you and the final result you require as well as put a name to a face.

We'll ask you some questions regarding your project (timeframes, budget etc)



We will go over some of the systems we use during the project and walk you through the net step of the journey.

#### 3. Not getting a fixed price

Ever watched Grand Designs? How many episodes did the clients run into financial trouble, cost blow-outs or run months over time?

Here at JR Construct we can arrange for concept designs to be drawn up, and can then provide you with estimated costings before things go any further. If required, we can offer ways to reduce costs where possible.

If you decide to continue the process, a full set of construction drawings will be

created. All documents will be sent to any relevant subcontractors, our labour and materials will be calculated, and we can provide you with a fixed price quote for your project. Generally, the only time we will estimate or 'tag' something out, is if we can't see it (ie foundations, or



under an existing concrete slab) or where more detail may be needed. We will also estimate a start and finish date for you.

### 4. Not getting a construction contract

A written contract is now required for any construction work over \$30,000 (incl GST), but it is also advisable to have a contract for any works under \$30,000 too. This is to legally protect both parties and know what you are paying for.

Here at JR Construct once all costs have been agreed, we will arrange for a comprehensive construction contract to be drawn up for you.



You will also be presented with Our Concrete Guarantee showing our dedication to the following: Communication, Built to Budget, On time, Quality and respect for our clients.

Confirmation of a start date will also be confirmed at this point, so you know you won't be left waiting.



#### 5. Being kept in the dark

There's nothing worse than a <u>blown-out timeline</u> and not being able to move into your new home when you thought. To make matters worse, you might be renting and must absorb additional costs.

Here at JR Construct we use Nextminute, a cloud-based construction project management system for home builders and renovators. It combines project scheduling, project management, financial management in a single platform.

The project schedule is reviewed and updated weekly. This allows us to increase staff numbers or staff hours as required to bring the programme back to the original planned schedule. We are also actively keeping you up to date, avoiding any major issues and navigating the small problems before they turn into big ones and doing this all where you can see it.

#### 6. Compromising on quality

New Zealand has been notorious for poor workmanship.

Think leaky homes and earthquake-prone buildings. Now with rumours swilling about the Christchurch rebuild...



Here at JR Construct we stand by our work, take pride in what we build and know we can guarantee quality.

We use a 287-point Quality Control

Checklist and have a team of qualified staff led by James and Onsite foreman

Clayton.

As we are a New Zealand Certified builder you'll qualify to apply for Halo – our comprehensive 10-Year Residential Guarantee. Find out more here; https://halo.nz/



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