

Engineered Stone – Exemption

Guidance for Bay Building Estimators, Project Coordinator and Supervisors when working with Engineered Stone

Issue

From 1 July 2024, work involving manufacturing, supply, processing (cutting, drilling etc) or installation of **NEW** engineered stone benchtops, panels or slabs will be banned.

- benchtops include those installed in kitchens and bathrooms and outdoor surfaces
- panels include kitchen splash backs or floor or wall tiles, and
- slabs include items that might need to be cut to fit a variety of different installation settings

Exemption

All states provided exemption for removal and reinstallation of engineered stone subject to the following.

- Reinstallation of an engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab which was temporarily removed to enable work to the underlying cabinetry or supporting structure, or to give access to repair or modify some underlying component, to be undertaken.
- The engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab must be reinstalled in the same location and at the same address from which it was removed.

The following pictures illustrate the correct process for the removal and reinstatement of engineered stone.

Original Layout



Exposing the damaged area



Careful Removal of Benchtop and Cabinet



Reinstalling the Cabinet on the same place



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Reinstalling the Engineered Benchtop on the same place



Restrictions:

Cracked Benchtop

If the engineered stone cracks or breaks during removal or reinstatement, it cannot be reinstalled or replaced with another engineered stone benchtop. An alternative material or solution will need to be installed.



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Change of Orientation of the Slab

The benchtop needs to be installed at the same address, at the same location (example kitchen) and at the same orientation. Following pictures illustrates comparison between correct process and restrictions.

Original Layout



New Layout



Original Layout



After Works Completed

