

Red Tape Around Building a Home in Tasmania

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for HOUSING, PLANNING and CONSUMER AFFAIRS

I ask my question on behalf of Brendan, an owner-builder and new resident of Tasmania who has recently moved from New South Wales and is currently building a new home for his family in Lyons. He would like to know why there are so many extra charges required to be an owner-builder in Tasmania compared to New South Wales? He says higher costs and charges in Tasmania compared to New South Wales include stamp duty; extra cost to get a compulsory BAL rating; compulsory building design costs, instead of being able to do your own building plans in New South Wales; solar panel installation tax and expensive owner-builder permits.

He says he needs to plan for 20 per cent more in extra fees and charges, which includes paying for private-sector consultants to satisfy the requirements of the *Tasmanian Planning Act*, than is required to build the same house in New South Wales. Why is there so much red tape to build your own home in Tasmania?