



Renovating shouldn't blow out behind the walls. Here's how Queensland homeowners avoid the hidden surprises.

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Fallon Solutions Managing Director, Jackson Whipps, says more South East Queensland homeowners are choosing to renovate rather than move, but warns the biggest renovation risks rarely show up in the showroom they're hidden in switchboards, wiring, pipework, pressure, and drainage.

"With home prices still sitting at a premium, people are doing the maths and deciding to upgrade the home they already love," Whipps said. "The problem is renovations can quietly blow out when the 'invisible essentials' aren't checked early. That's where timelines slip, budgets spike, and homeowners end up paying twice."

Whipps said the difference between a smooth renovation and a stressful one often comes down to whether the home's existing infrastructure is assessed before work begins particularly in kitchens, bathrooms, laundries and outdoor entertaining zones, where electrical load and plumbing demand typically increase.

"Many operators get called halfway through a renovation when something trips, leaks, or fails under new demand," he said. "At Fallon, we prefer to get involved earlier. A pre-reno electrical safety and plumbing inspection gives homeowners clarity before walls are closed up and new finishes go in."

He said switchboard capacity is one of the most common "surprise" issues because renovations frequently add demand through extra power points, feature lighting, new ovens, induction cooktops, exhaust fans, and outdoor power and lighting.

"If your switchboard isn't ready for modern loads, you can end up forced into urgent upgrades mid-project," Whipps said. "That's avoidable. When the capacity is

checked upfront, the renovation plan is safer, compliant, and properly costed from day one.”

General Manager for plumbing Mike Preston, said hidden leaks and pressure issues are two of the most expensive mistakes homeowners unknowingly renovate over.

“A minor drip behind cabinetry or inside ageing pipework can become a major failure after the renovation is finished,” he said. “And water pressure problems can undermine the performance of brand new fixtures. Showers that disappoint, taps that don’t flow right, and appliances that take longer to run.”

Preston also urged homeowners to consider drainage and stormwater early, particularly if renovation works change water flow or cover access points.

“Nothing hurts like finishing a renovation and then discovering pooling, overflow, or soggy patches that should have been diagnosed before the plan was locked in,” he said.

Fallon Solutions said its approach is built around transparent communication, licensed employed technicians, and workmanship backed by a Limited Lifetime Labour Warranty, helping homeowners reduce avoidable rework and improve confidence throughout the renovation process.

“One Call Fixes It All,” Whipps said. “And when we arrive, it’s not just about ticking a box, it’s about helping people protect the investment they’re making in their home.”


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