

# SUNSHINE COAST RENOVATION PLANNING CHECKLIST

**A step-by-step  
checklist to help  
you plan your  
renovation with  
confidence.**

## Plan

### 1. Understand your property

- Block slope and access
- Soil type and drainage
- Flood, bushfire or coastal overlays
- Council zoning and restrictions

### 2. Budget planning

- Set a realistic budget range
- Allow a 10-15% contingency
- Factor in design, approvals and reports

### 3. Design and documentation

- Building or architectural plans
- Engineering design
- Soil test
- Energy efficiency report
- Specifications and finishes/colour schedule

### 4. Council and approvals

- Determine if DA approval required
- Check neighbour or boundary clearances
- Confirm overlays or special conditions

### 5. Choosing your builder

- Licensed and insured
- Experience with similar projects
- Clear communications style
- Transparent pricing and process

### 6. Living through the renovation

- Can you stay in the home?
- Temp kitchen or bathroom needed?
- Safety for kids/pets
- Noise, dust and access planning

### 7. Before work starts

- Finalise all selections
- Confirm contract details
- Understand build timeline
- Know who your main contact is

## Additional Notes

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