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Questions to ask when renovating a bathroom

4 TIPS

1 Will it require a development application (DA)?

If you want to move or add anything major, such as an extra bathroom at the back of the house, you'll need to ask permission. For most other work you'll likely be OK, but it's good to check either way.

2 Do you have an up-to-date drainage diagram?

Ask your local water authority for a copy of your property's drainage diagram, which shows where all the pipes are. If the property has been renovated previously, make sure its current layout matches the diagram because if it hasn't been updated and you jackhammer through a pipe by accident, it'll result in a wet mess.

3 What's the warranty on your new fixtures?

Buy the best fixtures you can afford. The adage I'm too poor to afford cheap goods couldn't be truer today and investing in quality fixtures saves you from having to replace them earlier. Cheap fixtures usually have a 12-month warranty, whereas better quality fixtures will generally offer a 5-10-year warranty.

4 Do the fixtures meet Australian standards?

Make sure you do your due diligence on the name and model of the item when you're making a purchasing decision.

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