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## ***Media Statement***

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### **Unlicensed plumbing work lands man in hot water**

A Perth man has been fined for undertaking unlicensed plumbing work.

Paul Dillon pleaded guilty in the Joondalup Magistrates' Court to one charge of doing unauthorised plumbing work in October last year.

The Court was told Mr Dillon had been employed to undertake work to the kitchen in a Roleystone's woman's home.

The consumer was unhappy with the plumbing work and made a complaint to the Plumbers Licensing Board.

The Board found that Mr Dillon was not licensed and an inspection conducted by one of the Board's Compliance Officers found the kitchen basin had been incorrectly connected to pipe work located under the sink.

Mr Dillon was fined \$750 and ordered to pay costs of \$326.

Although Mr Dillon had no prior convictions the Court refused to record a spent conviction.

Board Chair, Judy Seif, said the prosecution reinforces the importance to consumers of only hiring an appropriately licensed person to undertake plumbing work. The message should also be clear that the Board will continue to prosecute handymen and others not currently licensed to carry out plumbing work.

Consumers can also call the Board's new Consumer Advice Line on 1300 249 223 to check the licence of a plumber and for assistance on all aspects of plumbing work.

Both consumers and industry can search the Board's website [www.plumbers.wa.gov.au](http://www.plumbers.wa.gov.au) for information on plumbers licensing and work standards.

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