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Magistrate Fines Plumber on 33 Charges

Andrew Gerrard Power

Licensed plumbing contractor **Andrew Gerrard Power** has been convicted of 33 charges for failing to comply with rectification notices relating to work carried out at a Perth community housing complex.

Mr Power was convicted and fined \$3300 and ordered to pay costs of \$769 for sub-standard plumbing work in home units in the eastern suburb of Woodbridge.

The Plumbers Licensing Board investigated complaints about Mr Power's work early last year and found he had done sub-standard plumbing work in 33 of the units.

Mr Power was subsequently given rectification notices in May 2007 to comply with the plumbing standards regulations administered by the board.

He returned the notices certifying that the plumbing work had been rectified and that the work complied with the standards.

Another inspection of the properties found the problems had not been rectified, so the board took action against Mr Power.


Mr Power, a licensed plumber, pleaded guilty to all 33 charges in the Midland Magistrate's Court and was fined \$100 for each charge.


Board chairwoman Judy Seif said attempts by certain licensed plumbers to pass off work as compliant with plumbing standards when they knew it was not, undermined the integrity of the industry and placed the health and safety of consumers at risk.

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