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### Unlicensed plumbing work earns \$1,000 fine Jacques Marcel Gaby NOEL

A shoddy unlicensed plumbing job has seen a Nedlands man fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay costs of almost \$400.

The Plumbers Licensing Board of WA (PLB) prosecuted **Jacques Noel** of Waroonga Road in Nedlands after he undertook unlicensed plumbing work that left a Ballajura home in Shoreview Terrace with shower taps that operated in reverse, and water leaking through a bathroom wall into a bedroom.

“This person charged more than \$6,000 for plumbing work which he was neither qualified nor skilled to undertake, resulting in an extremely sub-standard result and the consumer having to foot a bill for over \$2,000 to rectify,” Chairman of the PLB Tom Hall said.

Over a two-week period Mr Noel removed tiles, a bathtub and taps, and also modified piping supplying hot and cold water.

“It is vital that for public safety and also quality of workmanship that plumbing work be only carried out by qualified and licensed tradespeople.


“This court action should be taken as a warning for would-be plumbing cowboys and also to unsuspecting consumers chasing a so-called good deal,” Mr. Hall said.


Consumers requiring assistance to deal with complaints concerning plumbing work should telephone 1300 30 40 54 or email [plumbers@docep.wa.gov.au](mailto:plumbers@docep.wa.gov.au) .

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