

RENOVATION

CHECKLIST

Stage 1 : Planning

Stage 2 : Rough-in

Stage 3 : Waterproofing

Stage 4 : Final Fit Off



What to look for - at every stage of your renovation.

RENOVATING WITHOUT REWORK STARTS HERE

Most people don't pay twice because they make bad decisions.

They pay twice because they move on because they are not sure what to check off as **done right**.

Once something is covered up, waterproofing, wiring, framing - fixing it later becomes expensive, stressful, and disruptive.

This checklist shows you:

- what should be done at each stage
- what to check before moving forward
- what's costly (or impossible) to fix later

You don't need to be on site every day. You just need to know when it matters.



STAGE 1: PLANNING & PRE-START

BEFORE WORK BEGINS

What should be done:

- Scope of Works clearly defined (by trade)
- Inclusions and exclusions listed
- Materials & fixtures confirmed
- Budget allowances realistic
- Timeline and stage order agreed

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE MOVING ON:

- ✓ Does the scope clearly say who supplies what?
- ✓ Are finishes, fixtures, and quantities listed - not assumed?
- ✓ Are "PC sums" and allowances realistic?
- ✓ Do all trades quote from the same scope?

Costly if missed later:

- ⚠ Variations
- ⚠ Disputes over "that wasn't included"
- ⚠ Paying extra for items you thought were covered



STAGE 2: DEMO & ROUGH-IN

BEFORE WALLS AND FLOORS ARE CLOSED UP

What should be done:

- Structural framing completed correctly
- Plumbing rough-in installed
- Electrical rough-in installed
- Noggins and blocking in place (for fixtures, rails, cabinets)

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE MOVING ON:

- ✓ Are power points, lighting, and switches where you expect?
- ✓ Are plumbing points positioned for your fixtures?
- ✓ Is blocking installed for towel rails, vanities, cabinetry?
- ✓ Has anything changed from the original plan?

Costly if missed later:

- ⚠ Chasing walls after sheeting
- ⚠ Relocating plumbing or wiring
- ⚠ Compromising layout or storage



STAGE 3: PRE-TILE & WATERPROOFING

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST COSTLY AREAS TO FIX AND OUR MOST COMMON AREA TO GO WRONG

BEFORE TILES GO DOWN

What should be done:

- Waterproofing installed to Australian Standards
- Falls to floor wastes correct
- Puddle flanges installed where required
- Membranes fully cured before tiling

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE MOVING ON:

- ✓ Has waterproofing been inspected before tiles?
- ✓ Are shower floors graded correctly to wastes?
- ✓ Are wall and floor junctions sealed properly?
- ✓ Has curing time been allowed?

Costly if missed later:

- ⚠ Water leaks
- ⚠ Mould and damage
- ⚠ Tile removal and full rework



STAGE 4: FIT-OFF & FINISHES

BEFORE FINAL PAYMENTS

What should be done:

- Fixtures installed correctly
- Cabinetry aligned and secure
- Doors, drawers, and hardware functioning
- Paint, tiles, and finishes completed cleanly

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE MOVING ON:

- ✓ Do all fixtures work as intended?
- ✓ Are finishes consistent and undamaged?
- ✓ Has everything in the scope been delivered?
- ✓ Are defects listed before final payment?

Costly if missed later:

- ⚠ Chasing fixes after trades leave
- ⚠ Paying extra for call-backs
- ⚠ Living with defects



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THE CONFIDENCE CHECK

Renovate smarter, not harder

You don't need to micromanage.

You just need to:

- slow down at the right moments
- check before covering up
- sign off before moving forward

That's how confident renovators avoid paying twice.

RENOVATION CHECKLIST

Knowing *what* to look for is just the beginning.

This checklist gives you the checkpoints. The Master Renovators Program gives you everything behind them - the scope documents, the conversations with trades, the site sessions with Rob, and the confidence to run your renovation like someone who's done it before.



Most homeowners don't need an expert on site every day. They just need someone in their corner at the right moment. Someone who knows what they are looking at.

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Rob has worked with hundreds of homeowners and homes for 20+ years.

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MEET ROB

20+ years on Australian construction sites - and counting

I share over 20 years of hands-on experience across residential construction, renovations, and site management in Australia. I have worked on countless construction projects from early planning through to completion, giving me a deep insight into where things commonly go wrong, and how to prevent them. I specialises in scope clarity, quality control, and on-site sequencing, helping homeowners avoid costly rework and unnecessary stress. My approach is practical and grounded, focused on clear communication between homeowners and trades rather than micromanagement.

RENOVATION CHECKPOINTS