

# BUILDING A NEW HOME OR EXTENDING?

# Hi,

My name is Paul Nowland. I've lived in the Territory since 1964 and I've been building here for more than 30 years...

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I sit on the Building Advisory Committee and Building Practitioners' Board and I'm passionate about supporting our industry and making life as easy as possible for hard-working builders.

Over the years many builders have been concerned that there isn't any way to deal with the high risk builders who give the industry a bad name.

Well, now there is.

I was recently appointed the compliance auditor for the new Master Builders Fidelity Fund. The aim of the Fund is to protect consumers at a time when many are at their most vulnerable: building a new home or doing major extensions.

I have the proactive role of identifying issues before they get past the point of no return. This means driving around and

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monitoring the progress of the projects, ensuring the conditions of Fidelity Fund Certificates are met and trying to pick up early warning signs of building failures.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, the saying goes.

While the Fidelity Fund can't cover everything, it strives to prevent many of the horror stories we have seen over the years of families left stranded with unfinished homes.

There are many good builders in the Territory and we're about building trust and peace of mind for consumers and confidence in our industry.

**Paul Nowland**  
Compliance Auditor  
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