

# Before you build...

## Be aware of an extremely low quote.



Low quotes can be a red flag that your requirements have not been fully understood or that the builder is not registered or fully insured.

## Use a reputable builder.



Check the builder holds a current and relevant contractor licence. Select one that has a track record of success and can show you customer testimonials or show you completed projects.

## Look at possible finance options.



The builder may have associated providers or alternatively your bank or credit union may have options available.

## Think about how you will use the area.



- Carport – size of the vehicle – room to open doors etc.
- Patio – size of the furniture, light into the area and into your home, heat or cooling impact, any specific colour or features.
- Consider the direction of the weather and seasonal variations.



## Check if your builder will take control of any council submissions for approval and if any costs have been included in your quotation.



## Consider the roof type and accessories.



- Are you looking for single skin or insulated roofing?
- A solid roof or interspersed with light panels?

## Check the warranty being offered.



A reputable builder will have a complete warranty process – materials and workmanship.

## Take the time to read the contract.



Make use of the contract checklists available through your state government website.

## Carports, Patios & Outdoor Spaces

## Consider the materials being used.



Different materials require different maintenance.

- Will you need electricity – lights, fans and power etc.

## Be wary of sales pitches that put pressure on you to sign the contract quickly.



You must be comfortable with the Design Advisor, the company and the project details.

## Do you know your local area requirements?



Are you in a bushfire zone or a restricted area?

## You should not be asked to get an owner builder permit while the builder organises the all the building work.

