

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.

