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UNLICENSED BUILDER FINED \$10,600 FOR BREACHES

An unlicensed builder who accepted a deposit of nearly \$4000 from one client for work he failed to start and performed substandard work for a second client has been fined \$10,600.

In the Adelaide Magistrates Court, 58 year old Paul Arneric of Clarence Park had admitted to breaches of the *Australian Consumer Law* and the *Building Work Contractors Act*.

The court heard Arneric had been engaged by one client to install kitchen equipment in their Burton home.

Arneric accepted a \$3800 deposit for the work and had been given a key to his client's Burton home, taking a rangehood for measurements.

The court was told Arneric never returned the rangehood, and never started the work.

He also failed to attend a compulsory conciliation conference organised by Consumer and Business Services to try and resolve the matter.

In a second case, Arneric accepted an \$800 deposit while unlicensed to repair water damage to a client's investment property at Glenside.

The court heard the work was of a poor standard.

Arneric was fined \$10,600 and ordered to pay \$800 in prosecution costs. In addition he has paid \$4169 in compensation to his victims.

