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Planning Your New Renovation with Great Sense of Satisfaction by [Nik Michel](#)

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Many Queenslanders are looking to renovate, rebuild and restore their homes, particularly after the onslaught of rains, floods and storms beating at our homes and businesses. Brisbane, even though a city is still growing and rejuvenating itself through development and new builds.

A renovation or new home build is a huge emotional and financial commitment. Once you have decided to take the plunge the list begins to grow. Architects, planning permissions, DA approvals, builders, contractors, subcontractors not to mention all the fixtures fittings and furniture to consider and add to the list. It can all become a little overwhelming, so is it worth employing a contractor and renovations project manager to help you with your build?

If you are planning a Home Renovation here are some key points to consider before deciding to go it alone: -

How you start is how you will finish. If you start off with a plan that isn't quite right or understood, or the boxes are not all ticked on your planning approvals it will cause a ripple effect throughout your building project. This is often where home renovators end up losing a huge chunk of their budget. If you aren't an expert in plans and understanding the paperwork needed you may want to consider engaging an expert to help you communicate with your architects and planners.

Budget is critical. You need to fully list and record every expenditure as before long your budget will have disappeared and you will still have half the renovation to complete. Using an expert in the field who is clear on your budget can ensure it is stuck too. But as with any building project there will always be an unforeseen problem or issue whether it be large or small so always set aside a little extra for contingency. If its still left at the end of the build you can use it for a luxury item or two to give your renovation a great finish.

Safety and OH&S. Ensure that whether you are working with building contractors or a building project manager you are certain they have all certifications in place. Often contractors bring in sub contractors or "subbies". Whether they are working directly through you or for a builder its wise to the question to ensure your renovation project is completed safely.

Ultimately it may be worth looking at an expert to help you with your renovation. Yes, you will need to allocate a portion of your budget to them but they can save you money in the long run by keeping your budget and renovation on track and giving you great peace of mind and less stress and anxiety. You can then enjoy your new renovation with a great sense of satisfaction when it's finished.

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