

# Plan ahead for a great Home Improvement result.

Assuming you are comparing options, notice the variety of budget patio products in the Brisbane market. A short drive down local streets quickly identifies the short lifespan of many Patios and Carports being sold cheaply. We do suggest getting quotes to understand the value proposition offered by Queensland Lifestyle Patios better. We are builders who specialise in the *Stratco Outback*.



Apart from being experts in the *Stratco Outback*, other trade work and supplies are included in-house – infill panels, decking, concrete including stenciling, paving, retaining walls, shade panels, electrical work and lots more possibilities. Avoiding the use of subcontracting reduces project control problems. Take care not to get taken in by budget imitations of the *Stratco Outback* and consider that back yard operators rarely deliver the kind of quality that enables the home improvement to meet your lifespan expectations as a permanent addition to your home. The *Stratco Outback* also offers a fabulous new insulated roof panel.

## Use this Checklist to decide what to look for when choosing your Patio or Carport.

- Most shade structures look fabulous when new, however if these are without high tensile steel framing and posts, and don't conceal the fixing components, they soon deteriorate to look unsightly and potentially become unsafe.
- Roofing sheet claims offering such things as "Kaolin" as a miracle insulating property or Titanium Oxide should be viewed with skepticism. Kaolin is an additive to any paint. Charging for extra layers of "paint" is highly a questionable marketing practice – especially when compared to genuine Colorbond or a genuine insulated panel product usually available for a similar or lower cost.
- The more elements within your design, the more important it is to do business with a Licensed Builder with a trained and well supervised team plus a reputable Branded product with a reputation to uphold that stands behind meaningful guarantees and covers all work with insurance protection through the government BSA scheme.
- Companies which outsource work to subcontractors lack the controls to ensure meaningful protection under law to a purchaser if the project doesn't go well (if your roof leaks, you need to know it will be fixed).
- If you were to visit cafés, you may notice typical canvas type covers. These are rapidly impacted by mould; they trap leaf litter that is unsightly underside; they are easily damaged in storms; not well insulated and give the impression of being in need of replacement within several years or less of purchase. They are a high maintenance solution.
- Some companies save costs by not offering a council approved structure at all. Would you not expect this to be part of the contract? Their documentation doesn't always make this clear, as there is a pre-approval stage to commence works, and another to certify the structural integrity in accordance with Engineering Standards at the end. Some only do the first part, and let you find out the bad news after yours is built and paid for when it is too late to complain.



☑ Other cost savings can be made by companies that leave out important components to the structural integrity of the roof. So which part of your roof would you be prepared to leave out. We build the **Stratco Outback** as it was engineered to be built. We don't cut corners. Yet most of our competitors do so in order to win a sale. This is fine until the next summer storm hits. As the saying goes - you get what you pay for. When you ask for a discount, check what may have been omitted from your design.

Projects built by **Queensland Lifestyle Patios** use premium materials manufactured locally and backed by Stratco national Guarantees. Be assured of maximum durability and a custom designed streamlined finish. The combination of the patented, pre-engineered **Stratco Outback** system for patio/deck structures installed by experienced licensed Builders eliminates the risks and extra complication associated with suppliers who operate under restricted licenses and who outsource.

**Do your own research to assess the lifespan requirements of your structure**

- determine whether your needs are practical to add immediate lifestyle amenity or to add value to the investment you have made in your property.
- Check whether the company you want to use provides full control and covers the cost of council approval

as we do - indeed will you

get an approved structure at all? If there is no approval, there is nothing on record to protect your interests or to achieve redress from who installed the structure. There is no obligation on the supplier to honour the Guarantees they may have implied to you to win your sale.



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**We are Brisbane based Licensed Builders with a reputation to protect.**

**We look forward to setting on site for an obligation free design and consultation for your consideration.**

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