



**BODY CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT**
Setting the Standards in Strata

Renovation Rules

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Before you start ripping up the carpets in your new apartment, it pays to consult your strata by-laws, and consider the neighbours.

What is yours to change is everything inside your unit that won't impact upon the neighbours. You may change the appearance of your internal walls, but changing the structure, or anything that might impact upon insulation, requires that you talk with your building manager or Executive Committee.

Your front door, balcony doors, windows and balconies are all probably common property. Unauthorised work on these areas can add up to heartache and prohibitive costs if owners have to reinstate their property back to its original condition.

Consulting with your Body Corporate and your Body Corporate Manager on matters where common property is involved can help you reach a compromise and also learn the rules on permitted hours of work and access by tradespeople. Not only will this save you money and heartache, but it will help make you more amenable to your neighbours.