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Do I need existing plans for our planned renovation?

If you have existing drawings of your home--- great, that will save me a little time. But if not, that is not a problem. I can take care of that very easily. You will also need a copy of the registered block plan done your property/house. If you can't find a copy you can call the 'Department of Environment and Resource Management' at 13 1304 and they will mail or email you a copy, for a small fee.

What do we do next?

If you have a sketch of what you want--- great, but if not just list off, in point form, what you are trying to achieve in your vision. Get together any photos, articles or scraps of ideas of what you like. We then can arrange a meeting to see what can work. Putting together a home addition or alterations is a series of trade offs to achieve a balance of what is possible, taking into account your property, your existing home, your vision and your budget. It is important to have an idea of what your total renovation project budget is.

How much will it cost?

I can help you with a budgetary estimate of what your construction costs might be. This is so that your project renovation vision will be in line with your intended budget. After I understand your requirements and scope of your project I can also provide you with a quotation for my design and drafting work.

How long will this take?

That depends on the size, scope and complexity of your project. A small project could be designed, drawn and submitted to your building certifier in less than 2 weeks. Larger projects would take longer. The final working drawings will form part of a package that will allow you to get a Building Certifier approval and a Builder to quote on your renovation.

We are planning a renovation to our home and adding a new pool. Do we do the pool first before we start our renovation?

It is best to have the whole project designed in its entirety before you start on the pool or the renovation to take advantage of the features of each. Some issues that are often forgotten with pool and renovation work is:

Pool fencing with their gate locations & enough space to fit your outdoor furniture and BBQ

Opening window/doors to an adjoining fenced pool area or a Kitchen passthru to a fenced pool area do not comply with the 'Pool Safety Standard'.

A common feature if you have young children is, if possible, is to have the kitchen/living area overlooking the pool, The pool is an expensive feature in a home. To get the most value out of your new pool and your renovation it is to your advantage to integrate them to get them to work together. A Building Designer can coordinate all the different elements and make everything work together.

If you have any questions on how I can help you achieve your renovation vision, give me a call to arrange an appointment. I also have a list of 10 things people forget when planning a renovation. Call or email me and I will forward you a copy.

