

Use An Architect or Building Designer?

What Is The Difference Between An Architect and a Building Designer?

One of the most common questions that we hear as building designers is “What is the difference between you guys and architects?” And the answer is one that I will borrow from the brochure of the Building Designers Association – just because I want to get it exactly right (and we don’t want to give those Architects any to whinge about, do we?)

The BDAQ (Building Designers Association of Qld) says the difference is:

In Queensland, there is no difference in the work that can be done by a building designer as opposed to an architect. There are some differences in education and regulation between architect and building designer professions, but that makes little difference to their work output.

Building designers

A building designer must be licensed by the BSA. For design and documentation work, you should only contract with a BSA Licensed Building Designer or a Board-registered architect or engineer. It’s your choice.

Who uses building designers, and not architects?

Well, according to the BDAQ brochure (of which we are Townsville members), about 80% of residential and 40% of commercial and industrial buildings are designed by Building Designers!

Think about that – 80% of residential design is done by Building Designers.

Building Designers (I mean C&B Designs) – design individual homes, duplexes, residential units, office buildings, warehouses, factories, town houses, medical centres, childcare centres, retirement villages, shop fit-outs – and more. In fact – anything that is a “building” and needs “design” ready to build.

Building Designers design buildings, prepare all of the necessary working drawings and documentation needed for council approval and construction. And everyone from new home buyers to major project managers (and even architects!) use them.

Architects can do building design too, they just have a different way of billing you for the service. If you are considering talking to an architect for your Townsville project – it may make sense to drop us a line before you begin.

So – whether you are planning an extension, a renovation, raising your house, or creating a brand new building – you can rely on a qualified, registered Building Designer to look after your project.

And to find the difference between us and other building designers – check out this article:

Townsville House Designs – The 5 Best Ways To Get The Best Value In Your New Townsville Home... You can use the tips for ANY building design!

I hope this has helped you understand the different roles of Registered Building Designers and Architects.

