

How do I assure myself of a Real Shed with Real Value?

We recognise that your purchase is a large investment, which needs to add functional value to your property. Fair Dinkum Sheds distributors are able to provide you with all the information and tools you need to confidently purchase your home improvement structure.

Here is a checklist of some of the questions you should ask all your potential suppliers so you can evaluate their ability to provide a shed, barn or garage that meets the Building Code of Australia whilst also allowing you to compare them on price, quality, service and construction requirements.

No Unexpected Costs – When you compare quotes be sure to confirm carefully review the following:

- **GST** - check the wording of the quotation carefully.
- **Delivery** - as this can add a significant amount to the overall cost.
- **Options and Accessories** – check that the same size and quantity of all accessories such as windows, doors are costed for supply as well as installation.
- **Compare apples with apples** – check the steel thickness that you are being quoted. The thicker the metal, the stronger and more expensive the shed. All reputable companies will be able to supply detailed specifications
 - **Roofing and Cladding** - Insist that your quotes detail the BMT (Base Metal Thickness) data recommended for comparison by Bluescope Steel. If any of your quotes state only the Total Coated Thickness (TCT) data, insist they supply BMT instead, as TCT figures have a level of variation that can be exploited by unscrupulous suppliers that quote the highest *potential* thickness.
 - **Columns, Girts, Purlins, Rafters** – Ensure you are provided specifications on the materials used. Fair Dinkum Sheds product codes provide you with information on the size and thickness of all steel members used. Eg. Column C15024 means the member is a C Section 150mm wide and 2.4mm thick. Purlin Z10010 is a Z section 100mm wide and 1.0mm thick. Compare this information to be sure you are comparing quotes fairly. Suppliers who specify narrower or thinner members impact the strength of your shed and may result in non-compliance with the Building Code of Australia.



Structural plans – Our industry leading design software produces site-specific plans that are engineer-certified and compliant with the demands of ShedSafe accreditation and the Building Code of Australia. In the majority of cases, structural plans can be provided to you in minutes, once we confirm your building requirements. Will other suppliers provide the same rapid service?

Council Approval Assistance- Will the supplier submit the plans and assist your council approval submission where required?

Kit or Built? – Many Fair Dinkum Sheds distributors are registered builders who can provide a complete 'no stress' building service that includes concreting and erection of the building. All Fair Dinkum Sheds distributors can supply as kit only with clear instructions and **drawings to assist you so you can save on labour costs.**

Ask for a copy of the engineering calculations - Any company that cannot provide you with this document is not providing the appropriate evidence that your building is appropriately designed and compliant with the relevant standards.

Ensure you buy from a ShedSafe™ accredited supplier - Make sure your barn supplier is ShedSafe™ accredited. ShedSafe™ accreditation is the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) industry benchmark for steel shed design. To earn our accreditation, Fair Dinkum Sheds underwent a rigorous auditing and certification process by the Australian Steel Institute's panel of independent engineers and specialists. Being ShedSafe™ accredited is a commitment that buildings designed for each of our 150+ nationwide distributors and their customers adhere to the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

Who are the shed component suppliers? - We only use suppliers who fully support their product with comprehensive test data that demonstrate the products' ability to stand up to harsh Australian conditions. Make sure you check whether the steel is Australian BlueScope steel that has been tested and engineered for harsh Australian conditions over many decades.

Fair Dinkum Sheds are experts in the design, engineering, supply and construction of quality Australian steel sheds, barns, garages, carports and industrial buildings. We've been providing quality Australian steel buildings for over 18 years and with over 150,000 sheds sold nationwide by our distributors, our experience speaks for itself.

If you have any questions regarding your shed, barn, carport or garages needs, please don't hesitate to contact your local Fair Dinkum Sheds Distributor on 1800 05 00 00.



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