



How to Avoid Fitout Delays, Budget Blowouts, and Regret: Without Doing Hours of Research

*A simple, fill-in-the-blanks guide to help you prep your space, your team, and your expectations
before spending a cent.*

- ☐ **1. Do you know what needs to be installed that will require plumbing, electrical, drainage, or air conditioning?**

→ *Things like sinks, ovens, dishwashers, coffee machines, or air con units all need services — knowing your list helps your builder plan the right connections early.*

- ☐ **2. Have you taken photos of important elements (e.g. outlets, switchboard, plumbing, ceiling)?**

→ *Clear photos help designers and trades quote accurately and avoid guesswork.*

- ☐ **3. Do you need any demolition or strip-out services?**

→ *Catching issues early avoids design changes and delays later.*

- ☐ **4. Do you have a moodboard, Pinterest inspo, or a clear idea of materials and finishes you'd like to use?**

→ *Designers work best with visual direction — even a few photos or inspo shots can save hours of back-and-forth.*

- ☐ **5. Does your designer fully understand your vision, goals, and must-haves?**

→ *If they don't get your priorities, they'll make decisions you didn't ask for — and you'll pay to change them later.*

- ☐ **6. Has your designer recommended engaging hydraulic or mechanical consultants based on your business requirements?**

→ *These drawings are often essential for quoting and approvals — knowing early helps avoid costly redesigns or delays.*

- ☐ **7. Are you satisfied with your design?**

→ *Builders need clear info to quote properly. Unfinalised plans = future headaches.*

- ☐ **8. Do you have exact specifications for all key equipment (e.g. fridges, ovens, coffee machines, cabinetry)?**

→ *Custom joinery and plumbing rely on millimetre-accurate info.*

- ☐ **9. Have you contacted at least three builders?**

→ *Comparing quotes gives you a clearer picture of cost, service, and reliability.*

- ☐ **10. Do you fully understand what's included — and excluded — in your builder's quote?**

→ *Missing details are the number one cause of costly variations. Know your scope inside out.*

Done? You're Ahead of the Game

BUT

You're Halfway There

If you found this useful, you're already thinking ahead, and that's the difference between rushed jobs and smooth builds.

This sheet covers the early prep:

But there's a full tool we use with business owners that goes deeper:

- Site inspections
- Designer briefing
- Builder selection
- Tender comparisons
- Proposal breakdowns
- Fit-out management

It's built to **reduce build time, protect your budget, and give you clarity** at every stage.

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