Before the Building Practitioners Board

	BPB Complaint No. CB26169
Licensed Building Practitioner:	Lukas Bravenec (the Respondent)
Licence Number:	BP138633
Licence(s) Held:	Design AoP 2

Penalty Decision of the Board under section 318 of the Building Act 2004

Complaint or Board Inquiry	Complaint
Hearing Location	by audio-visual link
Hearing Type:	In Person
Hearing Date:	7 March 2024
Substantive Decision Date:	24 March 2024
Penalty Decision Date:	5 August 2024

Board Members Present:

Mr M Orange, Chair, Barrister (Presiding) Mrs F Pearson-Green, Deputy Chair, LBP, Design AoP 2 Mr P Thompson, LBP, Carpentry and Site AoP 3, Quantity Surveyor

Procedure:

The matter was considered by the Building Practitioners Board (the Board) under the provisions of Part 4 of the Building Act 2004 (the Act), the Building Practitioners (Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures) Regulations 2008 (the Complaints Regulations) and the Board's Complaints and Inquiry Procedures.

Disciplinary Finding:

The Respondent has committed a disciplinary offence under section 317(1)(b) of the Act.

The Respondent is fined \$3,000 and ordered to pay costs of \$2,625. A record of the disciplinary offending will be recorded on the Public Register for a period of three years.

Summary of the Board's Penalty Decision

[1] The Board fined the Respondent \$3,000 and ordered that he pay costs.

Penalty Process

- [2] In its substantive decision, the Board set out its indicative position regarding penalty, costs, and publication and invited the Respondent to make written submissions on those matters.
- [3] On 7 May 2024, the Respondent made a submission. He accepted the Board's indicative orders and stated that he had learnt from the process.
- [4] On the basis of the acceptance, the penalty, costs and publication orders are affirmed.

Section 318 Order

- [5] For the reasons set out above, the Board directs that:
 - Penalty: Pursuant to section 318(1)(f) of the Building Act 2004, the Respondent is ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000.
 - Costs: Pursuant to section 318(4) of the Act, the Respondent is ordered to pay costs of \$2,625 (GST included) towards the costs of, and incidental to, the inquiry of the Board.
 - Publication: The Registrar shall record the Board's action in the Register of Licensed Building Practitioners in accordance with section 301(I)(iii) of the Act.

In terms of section 318(5) of the Act, the Respondent will be named in this decision, which will be published on the Board's website.

[6] The Respondent should note that the Board may, under section 319 of the Act, suspend or cancel a licensed building practitioner's licence if fines or costs imposed as a result of disciplinary action are not paid.

Right of Appeal

[7] The right to appeal Board decisions is provided for in s 330(2) of the Actⁱ.

Signed and dated this 27th day of August 2024.

Mr M Orange Presiding Member

ⁱ Section 330 Right of appeal

(2) A person may appeal to a District Court against any decision of the Board—
(b) to take any action referred to in section 318.

Section 331 Time in which appeal must be brought

An appeal must be lodged-

- (a) within 20 working days after notice of the decision or action is communicated to the appellant; or
- (b) within any further time that the appeal authority allows on application made before or after the period expires.