

Before the Building Practitioners Board

BPB Complaint No. CB26973

Licensed Building Practitioner:

Ryan Walker (the Respondent)

Licence Number:

BP 145861

Licence:

Carpentry

Complaint or Board Inquiry

Complaint

Decision Date

23 September 2026

Board Members:

F Pearson-Green

G Pearson

E Harvey McDouall

C Lang

DECISION OF THE BOARD

Final Decision

Sections 317 and 318 of the Building Act 2004

Board's Findings:

Failure to provide a record of work - s 317(1)(da)(ii) upheld.

The Board proceeds no further under ss 317(1)(b), (d), (g) and (i)

Final orders: fine \$1,000; costs \$700; public register for three years and named publication on the Board's website; no further publication ordered.

Finalisation of the draft decision

- [1] This decision finalises the Board's draft decision in *Ryan Walker* [2026] BPB 26973, following consideration on the papers on 30 April 2026. The draft was signed on 19 June 2026 and sent out on 25 June 2026.

- [2] Paragraphs [19] and [47] - [54] of the draft invited the Respondent to provide further evidence, make submissions on the findings, penalty, costs and publication, or request an in-person hearing by 17 July 2026. It stated that, absent a response within that period, the decision would become final. No submissions, further evidence or hearing request were received from the Respondent.
- [3] The Complainant provided submissions and supporting material on 28 June 2026. The Complainant is a witness, not a party to the Board's inquiry, and was not invited to make final submissions. That material was outside the directed process. The Board does not take it into account in finalising this decision: using an uninvited response to reopen the findings outside the process notified to the Respondent would be unfair to him.
- [4] The Board accordingly affirms the draft decision and adopts its reasons. It is unnecessary to repeat them. The two decisions are to be read together; the essential findings and final orders are recorded below.

Essential findings

- [1] The Respondent carried out or supervised carpentry-related restricted building work at [OMITTED]. His record of work was dated 29 July 2025, indicating completion of his work, but was not lodged with the territorial authority until 9 February 2026. No good reason for the delay was established. The Board confirms its finding under s 317(1)(da)(ii) of the Building Act 2004 that he failed, without good reason, to provide the record of work as required by s 88(1). Roofing work was excluded from that finding.
- [5] The Board also confirms its decision to proceed no further with the allegations under ss 317(1)(b), (d), (g) and (i), under regulations 9(e), 9(f)(ii) and 10(1)(a) of the Building Practitioners (Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures) Regulations 2008. The reasons concerning insufficient evidence and the disciplinary threshold remain those in the draft decision.
- [6] The disciplinary finding concerns the timely provision of a required document. It is not a finding of deficient workmanship or skill, negligent or incompetent building work, non-compliance with a building consent, breach of the Code of Ethics, or disrepute. The public record should clearly reflect that limited finding.¹

¹ *Bing Chen v Building Practitioners Board* [2026] NZDC 14363 at [17]–[18] (Judge K Davenport KC).

Final orders

- [2] The Board confirms the following final orders under s 318 of the Act. The Respondent must pay a fine of \$1,000 under s 318(1)(f) and costs of \$700 (GST included) under s 318(4). The fine reflects the later provision of the record of work as mitigation. Costs are the contribution fixed in the draft for this simple matter dealt with on the papers. These confirm the existing amounts; they are not additional penalties or costs.
- [7] The Registrar is to record the disciplinary action in the public register in accordance with s 301(1)(l)(iii), for the statutory three-year period. The Board recommends that the entry identify the document-provision breach and its limited nature described above. The Respondent is named in this decision, which is to be published on the Board's website under s 318(5). No suppression or publication beyond the register and website is ordered.

Right of appeal

- [8] Under ss 330(2) and 331 of the Act, the Respondent may appeal the Board's disciplinary action to the District Court by notice of appeal within 20 working days after notice of the decision or action is communicated to him, or within any further time the Court allows on application.

Signed and dated this 23rd day of September 2026.



G Pearson
Presiding Member