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BRINKWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL GLA REFURBISHMENT (NS)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The first we knew about the BER project was when we were contacted by DTEI asking questions about us. It was apparent that the school had put our name forward for consideration as the builder for the BER Project. From that we contacted a very helpful man on the help desk Peter Berry, who talked us through the bid process. We were notified we were the successful bidders. The total contract was \$242,000.00, the fee structure was 10%.

I had meetings with the Brinkworth Primary School headmistress Susan Hart and the school council who came up with a wish list, this was cut down to 6 individual Projects.

Project 1 Activity Room and all fittings  
Project 2 Pavers  
Project 3 Verandah refurbishment  
Project 4 Fascia replacement  
Project 5 Hit up wall  
Project 6 Replace old rain water tanks and New outside blinds

Although additional fees EG performance or incentive fees did not apply to this contract, the project was allotted a further \$13,099.00 extra which was good because it was found that all the walls which were in contact with Project 1 were asbestos and the asbestos had to be removed and replaced .

We had numerous phone calls relating to the costing, we worked our way through this, it was very frustrating at times talking to people in Adelaide regarding the quotes because city quotes are very different to country quotes, one in particular was a quote for excavating for a footing I was told by the cost managers it was too high but as I pointed out to him getting people to come to Brinkworth to do the job on the price he said it should have been wouldn't have happened, any way we got through it all in the end, believe me the cost managers and the departments did question so many things.

The reporting back on the whole was ok sometimes it was a bit over the top, sometimes not very clear on what was required.

The School head mistress, school council, students and their families the representatives from the different departments involved with BER and the local MP have all said what great value this project has been and what an asset to the school.

Speaking personally we were proud to be involved in this Project and found every one we dealt with to be very helpful. Photos of all projects can be sent if needed.

Yours Sincerely

**J R Yates**