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## Granite Renovation Checklist

Before attempting to replace your existing benchtops with new stone benchtops there are a number of important things to consider.

- 1. Does the construction method of your existing cabinets allow for the removal of the existing benchtops without causing the kitchen to fall apart?** If the answer is no then the only way to add stone to your existing kitchen will be to clad your existing benchtops in stone.
- 2. Are your existing cabinets strong and rigid enough to support the added weight of stone benchtops?** Our consultant can confirm this during templating for your new benchtops however the responsibility of adding additional support shall be with you.
- 3. Are your existing cabinets straight and level?** It will be your responsibility to address cabinets that are not level. If cabinets are not level and cracks appear in your new stone top we cannot be held responsible.
- 4. You will be required to arrange an Electrician and a Plumber to disconnect and re-connect your sink and hotplate.** In some cases you may have to purchase a new sink as the old sink may not be able to be re-used.
- 5. If you have an existing dishwasher** you will be required to arrange its removal before we install the new stone as access to the sink area above shall be required to enable the sink to be re-fitted into the new stone benchtop.
- 6. Re-tiling of your existing tiled splashback** shall be required as generally tiles are damaged during the removal of the existing benchtop.
- 7. Should you just resurface on top of your existing laminated tops?**  
We recommend removal of the laminated top to prevent any issues with

moisture in the chipboard or future movement. The solid characteristics of a stone top far out weigh any perceived savings by adding a thin layer of stone on existing tops. So why not have the real thing not an imitation.

- 8. Do you want or require a new splash back?** Should you wish to retain your existing splash back the stone top can be made to the exact thickness to fit under the existing splash back. Alternatively, stone splash backs can compliment a kitchen renovation and remove the extra work in cleaning required with a tile splash.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call and speak to our qualified staff.