

Charges laid over demolition of Corkman Irish Pub

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) and the City of Melbourne have jointly laid a total of 16 charges against those involved in the demolition of the Corkman Irish Pub in Leicester Street, Carlton in October 2016

Stefce Kutlesovski, Raman Shaqiri and the company that owns the property, 160 Leicester Pty Ltd (of which Stefce Kutlesovski and Raman Shaqiri are both Directors), all face multiple charges for their involvement in the demolition of the pub and related breaches of the *Building Act 1993*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the *Activities Local Law 2009*.

Charges include demolishing without a building permit, failing to comply with an order to stop building work, carrying out demolition work while unregistered and contraventions of the planning legislation. The maximum penalties for these charges range from \$3,109.20 to \$388,650.00.

The VBA and the City of Melbourne have jointly filed charges under each organisation's relevant legislation at the Magistrates' Court this morning, following a comprehensive three-month investigation by the two organisations. A summary of the charges are as follows:

Stefce Kutlesovski

- Demolition without a building permit
- Holding himself out as a demolisher when he was not registered
- Failing to comply with an order to stop building work
- Demolishing a building in contravention of the planning legislation
- Carrying out demolition without 48-hours written notice to the Melbourne City Council
- Carrying out building work (demolition) outside permissible hours.

Raman Shaqiri

- Permitting the demolition of a building without a building permit
- Failing to comply with an order to stop building work
- Failing to exercise due diligence to prevent the demolition of a building without the requisite consent required under planning legislation
- Carrying out demolition without providing 48-hours prior written notice to the Melbourne City Council
- Carrying out building work (demolition) outside of permissible hours.

160 Leicester Pty Ltd

- As the owner of the land at 154-160 Leicester Street, Carlton , permitting the demolition of a building without a building permit
- Failing to comply with an order to stop building work
- Demolishing a building in contravention of the planning legislation
- Carrying out demolition without providing 48-hours prior written notice to the Melbourne City Council
- Carrying out building work (demolition) outside of permissible hours.

Further charges are under consideration.

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