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A HOMEOWNER'S DECISION GUIDE

The State of Perth Renovation Costs 2026

How to walk into every builder, architect and trade conversation informed, prequalified, and confident.

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FOREWORD

Why this guide exists.

You're thinking about a renovation. The hardest part isn't the renovation itself — it's the decision you have to make before you can start, and the unknown numbers that decision sits on top of.

This guide is for that exact moment. The week before you call your first builder. The afternoon you spend with your partner asking "can we afford this?". The Sunday morning you sit with a Pinterest board and a budget spreadsheet that don't speak to each other. The conversation with the architect that you don't quite feel ready to have.

We've spent the last 18 months building the dataset and the framework that takes the unknown out of those questions. The numbers in this guide are independent — built from architectural-grade Yembo property scans and the WA construction rate library, with no financial relationships to any builder, supplier or trade. They're for you. The Perth homeowner standing in the kitchen wondering whether the dream is feasible. Not for the industry. For you.

The single most useful thing in here, if you only read one line:

*Your renovation has four versions. The same Perth home, costed at **\$187,000 at Tier 1** and **\$750,000 at Tier 4** — same scope, same square metres, same brief. The tier you choose matters more than almost any other decision. And it's a decision you get to make before you talk to anyone.*

What follows is the detail behind that idea, what real Perth renovations actually cost in 2026, and how to walk into your next builder, architect or trade conversation informed, prequalified, and confident.

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