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CONCRETE INDUSTRY WELCOMES OPAL TOWER INVESTIGATION INTERIM REPORT

The peak representative group for the heavy construction materials industry, Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA), has welcomed the release of the Opal Tower Investigation interim report.

The preliminary findings in the report, which was compiled by independent experts commissioned by the NSW Government, found that the building was structurally sound.

The Chief Executive of CCAA, Ken Slattery, said the independent experts had isolated the probable cause to localised design and construction issues and not the materials from which it was built.

“This has been a traumatic time for the residents and our industry is ready and willing to add its support to improvements in building industry quality standards,” Mr Slattery said.

“As an industry that employs over 110,000 Australians directly and indirectly, and contributes over \$15 billion a year to the national economy, we want to work with developers, builders and NSW and local authorities to help rectify the problems highlighted by the report.

“We believe the findings confirm that when it comes to quality and safety, the Australian concrete industry continues to meet the highest standards of quality and performance.

“Concrete is the safest of all building materials as it’s not vulnerable to external threats like fire, wind, insects, moisture and mould—all of which can result in structural damage and safety risks with lesser materials.

“The fact is that concrete continues to be the world’s most used construction material as no other building material is as versatile, sustainable, and cost effective as concrete.”

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