



Building Services Authority

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Rebuilding after Cyclone Larry

Following Cyclone Larry, the Building Co-ordination Centre (BCC) was established in Innisfail to provide residents with a “one stop shop” for information and assistance on rebuilding, repairing and insurance matters.

“Of the 14,000 homes affected by Cyclone Larry, approximately 900 sustained roof damage,” said BCC manager Ian Jennings.

“In the past 10 months 95% of these homes have been waterproofed, with less than 50 roofs still covered by tarps.

“The BCC is working with insurance companies, Government agencies and contractors to get these remaining homes repaired as quickly as possible.

“Given the amount of rain that has fallen in the area since Larry struck, the amount of rebuilding work performed is very impressive.

“The vast majority of contractors have performed a great service to the affected communities in Far North Queensland, often working very long hours in difficult conditions.”

Pleasingly during the rebuild very little non-compliance with legislation has been detected and work is being performed to building industry codes, better preparing the region for any future cyclones.

“If you have any concerns about the repair or rebuilding work that has been performed on your home, please contact the BCC to discuss your problem. If necessary, the BCC will arrange an inspection of your property,” said Mr Jennings.

The BCC will have a team of building inspectors in the cyclone-affected area during the week of 26 February 2007.

The BCC has worked with Local Governments, contractors, insurance companies and building certifiers to eliminate obstacles to reconstruction, but also made every effort to ensure reconstruction work is performed to the correct standard, by licensed contractors and has the necessary development approval.

The BCC will remain at 1/56 Rankin St, Innisfail for a further 12 months to provide both BCC and BSA services to the community. Contact the BCC on 1300 727 795 or visit www.buildingcoordinationcentre.qld.gov.au.

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