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Leaked contractor's video reveals the true devastation of ticking Opal Tower timebomb

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A leaked video of the Opal Tower construction site reveals the shocking short-cuts taken by workers that left the botched tower block a ticking timebomb.

The footage, which was taken three years ago by a worried whistleblower, captures the bungled building work inside Sydney's Opal Tower, which has been dubbed as 'patch up job' by an insider.

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The severe cracks were patched up with filler, while the supporting pillars also appear to be crumbling.

But rather than use the filler as a temporary fix, it's believed the area wasn't cut out and replaced but rather the filler held the cracks together while a further 20 storey's were built on top.

'It's a patch up job,' the unidentified man, who captured the footage, told [A Current Affair](#).



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The newly-build 36-storey tower was started to show significant cracking within its infrastructure last year

‘We could see daylight from floor to floor you could drop a two-inch nail straight through to the floor below.

‘We thought the actual floor should’ve been cut out because it wasn’t just two or three metres square thing it was 20 metres long. As the vision shows, it’s not just a little square for one unit it goes across the entire floor,’ he added.

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The interim report commissioned by the NSW Department of Planning suggested poor design and construction was responsible for cracks on the tenth floor (pictured) of the Opal Tower at Sydney Olympic Park

Another support pillar also on the tenth floor, appears in the video with a huge plastic sheet stuck in it.

More than 200 residents of the 36-storey Sydney Olympic Park high rise were evacuated on Christmas Eve last year, along with more than 3,000 from nearby buildings, due to safety concerns.

A recent interim report declared the structural beams were faulty.



The 17-page report, released on Tuesday, recommended hob beams (level four pictured) be strengthened



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The report, commissioned by the New South Wales Department of Planning, suggested design and construction problems were the most likely causes of cracking in the apartment building at Sydney Olympic Park.

The interim 17-page report ruled out bad weather and poor materials for building faults in the complex with 392 apartments.

It instead recommended that steel hob beams, used to reinforce concrete, be repaired and strengthened.

For those who wish to locate the interim 17 page report mentioned in this UK article, it can be found on our website www.etia.net.au under the tab "Articles".