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Is your new roof cyclone resistant?

AS Northern Queensland communities continue to rebuild in the wake of Cyclone Larry, residents and builders are being urged to ensure the repair and reconstruction work meets building codes and standards.

Timber Queensland – the timber industry’s peak body – has launched a campaign to ensure any repair work to roofs damaged by Larry’s winds is up to “cyclone standard”.

To support that effort, Timber Queensland, in conjunction with Government, has released a special fact sheet designed to give simplified information to builders and certifiers to assist in the repair or reconstruction of roofs damaged by a cyclone.

Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes said the fact sheet was already being distributed by authorities in the north as part of the rebuilding effort through a partnership with the State Government’s Local Government and Planning Department.

“What we have learned from the cyclone is that buildings with roofs built to these standards generally fared much better than older construction,” Mr McInnes said.

“Cyclones are an unfortunate fact of life in Northern Queensland, and it is crucial that when roofs are repaired or replaced, they are done so in a way that will not only save buildings, but lives.”

The distribution of the fact sheet is just one part of Timber Queensland’s efforts to help rebuild the devastated communities.

Timber Queensland engineers headed to the north in the wake of Larry to assess structural damage to timber buildings and have been working alongside the Cyclone Testing Station staff from James Cook University.

Copies of the information sheet are available at the Building Coordination Centre, located in the CWA Building, McGowan Drive, Innisfail or it can be download now at www.timberqueensland.com.au

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