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Beware of dodgy decking causing accidents

Injuries can be avoided and money saved by using the right timber for the right job, particularly for home and pool decking says peak industry body Timber Queensland.

Rod McInnes, CEO Timber Queensland said there are increasing instances of timber decks, generally expected to have a life expectancy of decades, failing prematurely.

“TQ was surprised to receive these reports and in most instances our investigations point to a simple, yet unfortunate answer: dodgy decking timber being sold by dodgy dealers,” said Rod McInnes.

“The timber sold to consumers isn’t what it was supposed to be, it’s been “passed off” as a highly durable specie when it’s not,” he said.

“In other cases the timber purchased for the job is just not as durable as has been traditionally used for decks and is now required by Building Regulations.”

Timber Queensland says that builders and owner-builders alike need to check and be sure the timber they buy is true to label and fit for purpose to avoid premature failure.

“People can use the publication Construction Timbers in Queensland (CTIQ), which can be downloaded for free from www.daff.qld.gov.au/29_18832.htm, to find out for themselves the appropriate timber species to be used for specific structural purposes,” said Rod McInnes.

“Alternatively they can go to www.timberqueensland.com.au/Benefits/Fitforpurposetimber.aspx for a list of reputable timber merchants who are guaranteed to sell true to label, and fit for deck timber,” he said.

Timber Queensland advises that naturally durable Queensland hardwood decking timbers will deliver the best performance.

“It might cost a little more initially but will last much longer and look better longer than cheaper, dodgier alternatives.”

If in doubt, stick to known performers such as high durability Queensland spotted gum and ironbark or imported kwila/merbau.”

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