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The below are usable quotes from Bassam Aflak, Director, Ecove:

- Icon, the builder has full liability on the design and construction of Opal Tower. The company is a well-established high-quality builder. They are the experts, and Ecove has outsourced that expertise.
- We're waiting on further information from the engineers, but we understand the issue is with a concrete panel. Importantly, the authorities have deemed it safe for people to re-enter and they have isolated the issue to a small number of apartments.
- It's a high-quality building. Ecove has delivered a project that is well above the industry standard. Until now it's a project that's gained attention because of its quality.
- The authorities have been thorough. Oversight of every part of the building is by a number of independent certifiers and behind them are multiple checks and balances.
- The media has understandably investigated this as a sensational story but it's happened over the Christmas break when there is a scarcity of people who can comment with authority. The important fact is that there is absolutely no danger for the residents. We're confident this localised issue can be fixed. Most people are now back in their homes.
- The residents are covered under warranty. Ecove will help them through that process.
- Ecove has enabled more than \$30M of infrastructure to improve the Sydney Olympic Park community including parklands, a water quality control system that cleans the storm water runoff, wheelchair accessible pathways to Bicentennial Park, a footbridge and underpass beneath the rail-line and the inclusion of affordable housing. No expense has been spared in providing the project with high-end finishes such as marble foyers, feature timber paneling and double-glazed windows.
- We've all been stunned by what's happened, and we've been heartened by the way the community has rallied to support the residents, from the emergency service crews and the Salvation Army, to the local businesses, hotels and other people who have worked through Christmas to help us through this time. Ecove remains a significant owner of properties within the building. We, like the residents, are anxious that the builder defines the problem and resolves it as soon as possible.

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