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

- Our focus is ensuring the Opal Tower residents are getting all the care and support possible. Part of that is getting them accurate information as soon as we can.
- Ecove's approach to the issue is to be as transparent as possible, within the limits of expected business confidentiality. We're pushing as hard as everyone else for information on what's happened.
- It's a high-quality building. Ecove has delivered a project that is well above the industry standard. Any suggestion the building damage pointed to "a broader pattern in the industry" as quoted in the SMH is completely wrong.
- There has been no cutting of corners because of the city's "development boom".
- It's foolhardy to speculate on wider building issues because of what appears to be one failed panel. It's too early to leap to any conclusions.
- The builder and the authorities are working flat-out to root out the problem. The builder has advised us to expect feedback from their engineers shortly.
- Importantly, the authorities have deemed the building safe. Because of high Australian standards, buildings like this have many built-in redundancies.
- The requirement from the Sydney Olympic Park Authority was that the building be high quality, and we have delivered on that. While this incident, possibly a failed concrete panel, suggests otherwise, the contract with Icon specified that the building be of high quality Australian design and construction.
- This project has enabled the delivery of 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.

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