

TRADE NEWSLETTER

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UBS Highlights



UBS continues to operate as an ISO-accredited Builder, maintaining the highest standards for Environmental, Quality, and Safety procedures.

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In April 2026, UBS Manager Director; Tony Pickles expressed feeling a great privilege representing UBS at the IAG National Builder Forum in Melbourne as the longest continuous serving & highly respected Builder on IAG's panel having worked in partnership for 27 years.

UBS has Strong Industry Presence among IAG and industry peers alike:

- ✓ Residential Insurance Industry Role Models;
- ✓ Core Values - across all UBS stakeholders;
- ✓ Dependable proven record - during CAT Events 'prepared, we do it better'

A Special Acknowledgement was given to UBS for the highly successful Temporary Pre-Fabricated Modular Accommodation Project in Longwood, Central VIC awarded by IAG which provided crucial support to regional communities following the January 2026 Bushfires.

Location – LARA, VIC

Residential Insurance Claim: Storm Damage

Scope of Works:

- Make Safe & Inspection
- Engineering / Permits
- Roof Plumbing Works
- Ceiling Lining & Paint
- Re-install Solar Panels
- Electrical Fit-Out
- Final Inspection –sign off

Successful project completed by Calder Roofing & Adam Dew (UBS Melbourne Technical Construction Manager)



The **UBS Trade Partners** team works closely with its wide Contractor network, using a partnership approach across the East Coast of Australia. Strategies are deployed to review and optimise the network, provide visibility, manage contracts, and adopt business continuity.

More recently, **Trade Partners** has increased targeted procurement activity, are monitoring, reviewing and engaging with the existing network, having a highly efficient and streamlined Contractor network, resulting in UBS / Contractor and ultimately end Clients / Customers win-win scenarios via gearing of skilled use by region. **Trade Partners** has also recently seen an increase in enquiry activity of Contractors either returning to the UBS network, or being recommended to join the UBS network.

Separately, **Trade Partners** is focussing on Contractors for Commercial work to complement Residential work, and is gradually boosting the resourcing to support the uptick in Commercial and Government facilities management and projects.

...The results also come down to the **UBS values** which UBS stands by, which extends to the important UBS Contractor network....





Congratulations to the following UBS staff who achieved service milestones

- **Luke Smith** – Project Coordinator – **5 Year Service Award**
- **Isabelle Domingue** – Team Leader Finance – **5 Year Service Award**
- **Kylie Cameron** – Chief Financial Officer – **25 Year Service Award**
- **Kevin Daye** – Business Development Manager – **5 Year Service Award**



Information Data Sheet

Paint Finishing Standard within the Industry

STANDARD OF PAINTING

Coatings used are to be suitable for the relevant conditions and relevant wear and tear.

Unless documented otherwise, painting is defective if it does not comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions or AS/NZS 2311 – *Guide to the painting of buildings*.

SURFACE FINISH OF PAINTWORK

Paintwork is defective if application defects or blemishes such as paint runs, paint sags, wrinkling, dust, bare or starved painted areas, colour variations, surface cracks, irregular and coarse brush marks, sanding marks, blistering, uniformity of gloss level and other irregularities in the surface that are visible from a normal viewing position.

Excessive over-painting of fittings, trims, skirtings, architraves, glazing and other finished edges is a defect.

NAIL AND SCREW FIXINGS

Fixings or unfilled depressions caused by fixings are defects in painted or stained surfaces if they can be seen from a normal viewing position.

MECHANICAL DAMAGE AND NATURAL DEFECTS IN SURFACES

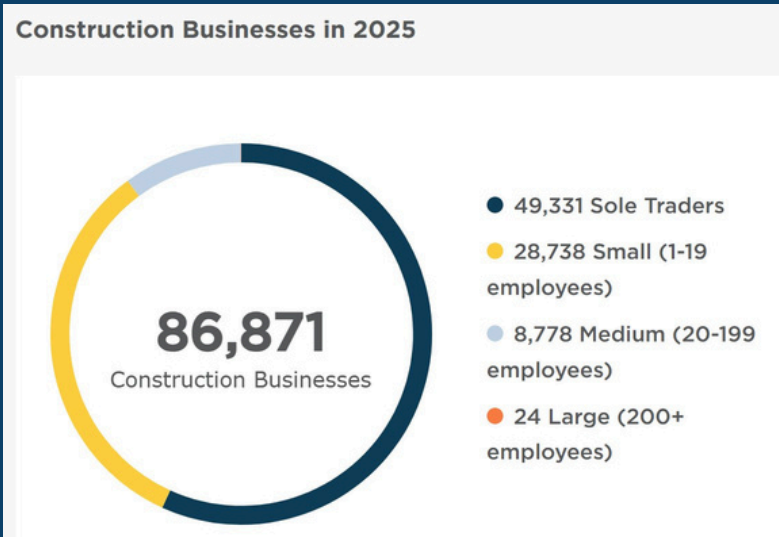
Holes and any other unfilled depressions in painted or stained timber such as surface defects caused by mechanical damage, natural characteristics such as gum pockets or surface splits are defects if they can be seen from a normal viewing position.

PAINT DURABILITY

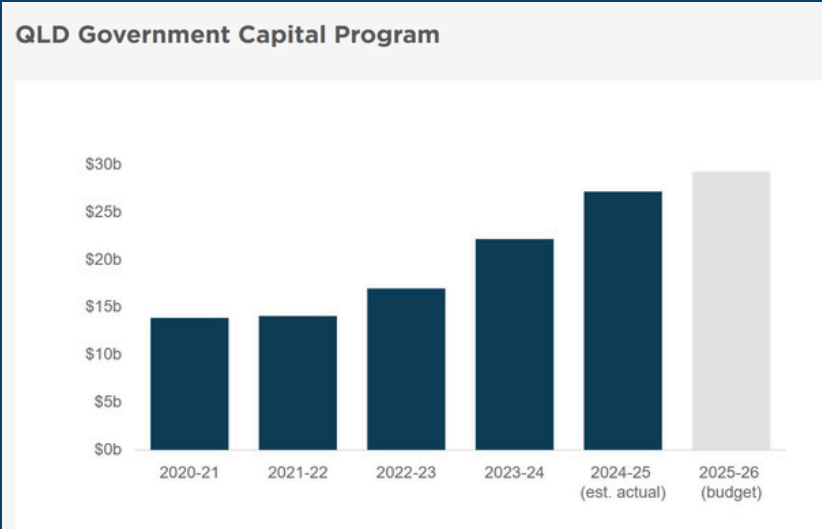
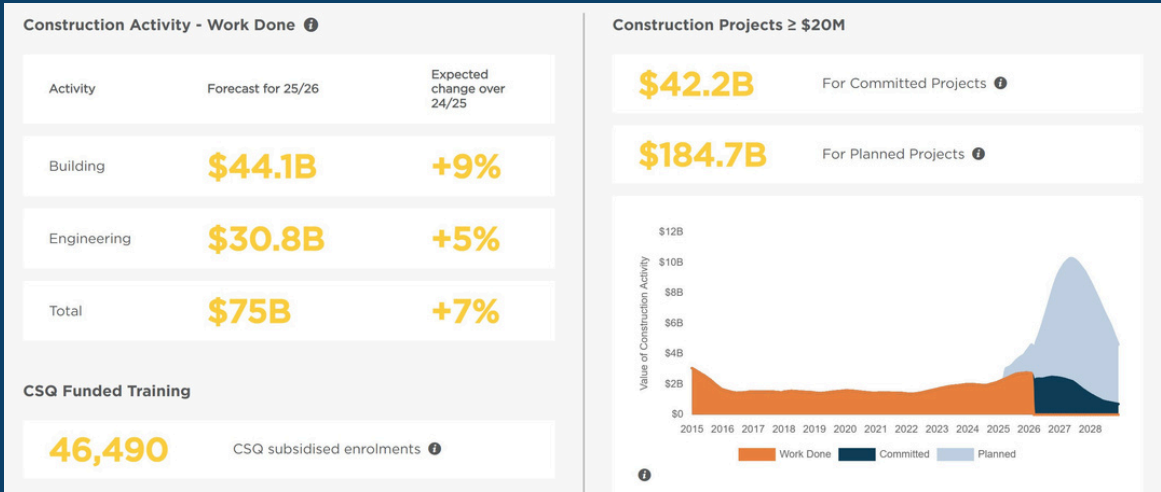
Unless documented otherwise, coatings are defective if they fail by lifting, blistering, flaking, fading etc. within the minimum period shown in table below.

MINIMUM DURABILITY OF COATED FINISHES

COATING	MINIMUM DURABILITY
Exterior Acrylic	36 months
Exterior Enamel	24 months
Exterior semitransparent stains	12 months
Exterior clear finishes	Not recommended
Interior – all finishes	36 months



On 17 March 2026, **ABC News** reported an estimated 35,000 construction worker shortfall ahead of 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which is expected to peak in 2027-2028. **CSQ** estimated games-related construction will total \$11.2 billion.



Source: Construction Skills QLD, Knowledge, March 2026 data