

Absolute shocker of the week

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The reader who sent in this week's Absolute Shocker writes:

"Apparently this veranda was damaged by a truck. Notice how the 6m long 250mm x 50mm rafters are sitting on the flat 70mm x 35mm pine beam supporting by 2 unbraced temporary props. Note the curve in the pine beam and how the rafters have sagged 200mm from the now unsupported roof sheets."

Structural collapse is one of the biggest killers of construction workers. This photo clearly highlights why you need to get expert advice about how to support structures to prevent collapse.

Installing temporary supports to prevent collapse is high risk construction work and a safe work method statement (SWMS) should have been prepared and followed for the work.

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