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Notorious Slumlord's Derelict Home Demolished

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A long-neglected house in Ascot has been demolished following enforcement action by Brisbane City Council, concluding a prolonged dispute over the property's condition and unpaid rates.

The residence, owned by Edward "Ted" Amos, was torn down in a six-hour operation after officials declared the structure unsafe. The house

had remained vacant for years and attracted complaints from residents due to its deteriorated state and severe pigeon infestation.

According to council records and media reports, the property was infested with approximately 70 pigeons. Residents said the smell from the house was so severe that it affected their ability to use their own outdoor spaces. Pest activity and internal damage reportedly worsened the building's structural condition.

Brisbane City Council confirmed that legal procedures had been followed prior to demolition. The council had issued multiple notices and orders requiring Amos to maintain the property. After non-compliance, the council proceeded with the demolition on public safety and environmental grounds.

Ted Amos is listed as the owner of multiple properties in Brisbane, including sites in New Farm, Hamilton, and Paddington. Some of these properties have also been subject to complaints and council action in recent years. In 2016, Amos was ordered by the Queensland Supreme Court to pay more than \$800,000 in overdue rates and charges on several of his properties. That amount was later reduced on appeal.

Before its demolition, the Ascot property was listed for sale with an approved development application. The listing described the site as suitable for redevelopment, given its zoning and location near Eagle Farm Racecourse.

Demolition crews took extra precautions during the operation due to the unstable condition of the structure. Some sections were manually removed to prevent collapse onto neighbouring properties.

Brisbane City Council has not yet announced any plans for the future use of the site. The block remains privately owned and zoned for residential development.

Residents in the area welcomed the demolition, with several expressing relief that the structure long regarded as an eyesore and health hazard had finally been removed.

Council officials reiterated that the action was taken in accordance with legal procedures and aimed at upholding safety and community standards in the city's residential zones.

