Mould: mostly just a nuisance

Every building in Townsville has some mould in it. It’s a wet season issue, even without the floods. The big wet has made the mould grow making it easier to see and smell.

LOW RISK FROM HOUSEHOLD MOULD
• People with a normal immune system can easily keep mould out of their body
• Only a few people would be affected by mould and dusty spores in the air, these may include:
  • True allergy to mould, with asthma or lung disease
  • Elderly people, or chronic diseases like diabetes or kidney trouble
  • Low immunity, like people with cancer chemotherapy
  • If concerned, see your doctor

CLEANING UP
• People with known medical risks should not do the clean-up
• Use rubber gloves with water and detergent
• Use a fine particle (P2) mask if there’s lots of dusty spores indoors
• Spirit vinegar or commercial products can help prevent regrowth
• Some things like water-logged furniture will have to be thrown out
• Carpets waterlogged for more than 2 days may have to be removed – beware that some old carpet underlay may contain asbestos.

PREVENT MOULD GROWTH BY
• Fresh air and sunshine
• Dry out your property with fans OR aircon on dry mode

Asbestos containing carpet or fibro sheets must be disposed of separately.
Seek advice.