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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2026

Property Address: 91 Prince Edward Ave, Culburra Beach NSW 2540, Australia

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This Report has been prepared in accordance with the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties set out below, which set out the purpose and scope of the inspection, and the significant items that will be reported on. This Report reflects the opinion of the inspector based on the documents that have been provided. This Report should be read in its entirety and in the context of the agreed scope of Services. If there is a discrepancy between the summary findings and the body of the Report, the body of the Report will prevail. We recommend that you should promptly implement any recommendation or advice in this Report, including recommendations of further inspections by another specialist. If you have any queries with this Report or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the person who carried out the inspection. This Report contains reference to material that is the copyright of Standards Australia reproduced under agreement with SAI Global to Jim's Building Inspections (Australia).

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Special conditions or instructions

A report may be conditional on information provided by the person, agents or employees of the person requesting the report, apparent concealment of possible defects and a range of other factors

The following apply: Please read all defect statements and pictures in full to understand this report completely.

- The Pre- Inspection Agreement which includes the extent of reporting, limitations and exclusions must be read and agreed to prior to viewing this report.
- This report was commissioned for the sole use of the 'Client' and liability does not extend to any third parties. Any third party not named on page 3 of this report, acting or relying on this report, in whole or in part, does so entirety at their own risk.
- This report is only valid as at the date of the inspection, any defects found or incurred after this date cannot be guaranteed.

THIS IS A VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY - limited to those areas and sections of the property fully accessible and visible to the Inspector on the date of Inspection. The inspection DID NOT include breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including, but not limited to, foliage, mouldings, roof insulation/ sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, ceilings, floors, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions. The inspector CANNOT see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, behind stored goods in cupboards and other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector DID NOT dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures. Visible timbers CAN NOT be destructively probed or hit without the written permission of the property owner.

When reading the report, please take note of the defect classifications, as per the definitions contained within
"AS 4349.1 - 2007 Inspection of buildings Part 1: Pre-Purchase inspections-Residential buildings", defects are classified accordingly within this report:

The overall condition outlined in this report is based solely on the areas that were accessible at the time of inspection. Any follow-up inspections or further advice recommended in this report should be arranged and carried out by the client as advised. The condition of the property, as stated in this report, may change if additional issues are identified during subsequent inspections.

The classification of any defects is based on the inspector's observations and professional judgment on the day of the inspection. These classifications may be revised as a result of further inspections conducted by the inspector, other qualified specialists, or the discovery of new information at any time following the initial inspection.

To help protect against financial loss, it is essential that the building owner immediately control or rectify any evidence of destructive timber pest activity or damage identified in this inspection report. The Client should further investigate any high risk area where access was not gained. It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of conditions conducive to timber pest attack.

To help minimise the risk of any future loss, the Client should consider the following options to further protect their investment against timber pest infestation;
Undertake thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high or the building type is susceptible to attack. To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attack implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical management system. However, AS 3660 stresses that subterranean termites can bridge or breach management systems and inspection zones and that thorough regular inspections of the building are necessary.

There are a few factors limiting the ability of a Timber Pest Inspector to gain an accurate representation of Timber Pest activity. Timber Pests by their very nature are secretive and difficult to locate. They are often completely concealed by the linings and claddings of buildings and cannot be detected without intrusive and destructive inspection techniques that are not possible without written permission from the property owner.

It is recommended that if access is limited to the roof void, a second manhole be installed in an

appropriate location in the ceiling of the property, to gain full access for regular inspections to all areas of the roof void.

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Due to no (chemical) termite management system installed, low clearance and poor or no access to some areas of the roof void, insulation and ducting covering timbers to the roof void and the amount of limitations and obstructions (as listed in the front of the report), the risk of undetected defects is higher to these areas. A further invasive inspection to these areas is highly recommended and access be gained to all areas for a complete inspection of the property.

The installation of a post construction chemical termite management system is highly recommended to be installed as soon as possible. Consult a suitably qualified termite expert for further advice on installation types and pricing and check if your house insurance covers termite damage.

The rectification of any safety hazards and major defects should be attended to immediately, while the rectification of all the other defects in this report should be conducted as soon as possible so that they do not turn into bigger defects over time.

It is also highly recommended that a licensed Electrician & Plumber rectify any issues and check over any newly purchased property with the new owners to reduce any Electrical & Plumbing problems in the future and to instruct new owners on proper use, care and maintenance of all electrical & plumbing items to prolong the items life and safety and help to protect your investment for the future.

External Roof Coverings & Plumbing

The New South Wales area experiences major weather events annually. These periods of storms and torrential & driving rains from certain angles can overwhelm residential roofs, waterproofed areas, skylights, flashings & guttering causing water ingress into properties that other wise would not happen in normal rain conditions. Therefore no guarantee can be given against any future roof leak.

All roof coverings & plumbing, flashings, exterior guttering, box gutters and downpipes, even with gutter guard products installed, should remain free of all debris and possible blockages. Blockages may lead to pooling, accumulated water overflows, possible water ingress and the associated damage to adjoining building elements. Any areas of missing or aged/corroded guttering should be replaced.

- Water ingress can be common around chimneys, skylights, solar panels and flat roof sheeting, these areas should to be monitored.
- Any flat roofs and/ or waterproofed areas should be monitored.

A further inspection by a Licensed Roofing contractor is recommended to go over the complete roof covering and advise on the extent of replacement/ repair & maintenance items.

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

A summary of your inspection is outlined below; please also refer to the Report.

	Found	Not Found
Safety Hazard	✔	
Major Defect	✔	
Minor Defect	✔	
Live Timber Pest Activity		✔
Timber Pest Damage		✔
Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity	✔	
Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage		✔
Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage		✔
Evidence of a previous termite management program	✔	

Overall Condition (Building)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in good condition generally with safety hazards, major defects, minor defects and recommendations

Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is highly susceptible to timber pests. A termite treatment is required.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Footpath, Garage, Water Tanks
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
Weather	Fine

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

The following areas were inspected. As documented in your Pre-Inspection Agreement, obstructions and limitations to the accessible areas for inspection are to be expected in any inspection. Refer also to our listing of obstructions and limitations.

- Exterior

- Interior

- Roof Exterior - Part

- Roof Void - Part

- Wall Exterior

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions, where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and defects, timber pest activity or conditions conducive to these may not be obvious unless they are removed.

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.

- Outside of the fencing.

- Roof Exterior - Part

- Site - Part.

- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.

- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected defects and timber pest activity and conditions conducive to these. The client is advised to make inaccessible areas accessible wherever possible for re-inspection.

Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects, termite and timber pest activity as well as conditions conducive to both, may be concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Appliances and equipment

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection

- Ceiling linings

- Debris in gutters

- Duct work

- External concrete or paving

- External finished ground level

- Fixed ceilings

- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Floor coverings

- Furniture

- Gutter Guards

- Insulation

- Landscaping

- Overhanging vegetation

- Pipework

- Rugs

- Sarking

- Solar Panels

- Stored items

- Vegetation

- Wall linings

- Webbing of roof trusses - not trafficable

The presence of obstructions increases the risk of undetected building defects, timber pest activity and conditions conducive to these. The client should make arrangement to remove obstructions where ever possible and re-inspect these areas urgently.

Undetected defect risk (Building)

A risk rating is provided to help you understand the degree to which accessibility issues and the presence of obstructions have limited the scope of the inspection

The risk of undetected defects is: **High**

When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

A risk rating is provided to help you understand the degree to which accessibility issues and the presence of obstructions have limited the scope of the inspection

The risk of undetected defects is: **High**

When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Smoke Detectors and Alarms (missing)
Information:	Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

Please note that this defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that the absence of smoke detectors, or their poor condition, should be addressed as a matter of urgency to improve occupant safety.

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices. Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building. Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

Please refer to AS3786 and state based legislation, which may also apply.

Major Defect

Finding 2.01

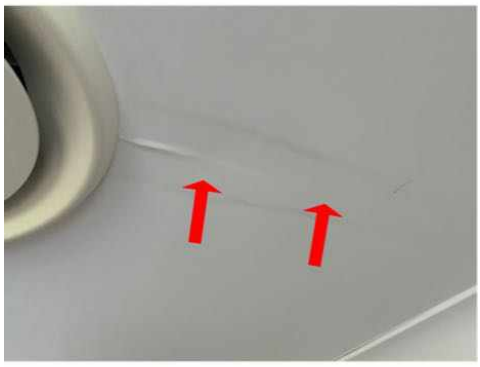
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void

Finding: Water leak - Internal (This appears to be from a leaking water pipe join)

Information: A water leak was found in this area at the time of inspection. Internal water leaks can be detrimental to surrounding building elements; their potential causes include damage to plumbing fittings and fixtures, through to water damage and deterioration of associated building elements.

Rust, corrosion, decay and water damage are potential outcomes where a minor water leak is left unattended. More serious defects may also result, such as electrical hazards, or water damage to structural building elements.

In extreme cases, structural damage may develop due to a prolonged water leak. It is highly advised that internal water leaks be addressed by a licensed plumber as a matter of relative urgency.



Finding 2.02

Building: Main Building

Location: Dining Room

Finding: Ceiling - Sagging or Settlement of Roof Trusses

Information: Sections of the ceiling were found to be sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure below the roof trusses generally indicates that the roof trusses have settled (or sagged) over time due to the weight or load put on the roof trusses. Excessive moisture can also play a role in sagging of timbers, the installation

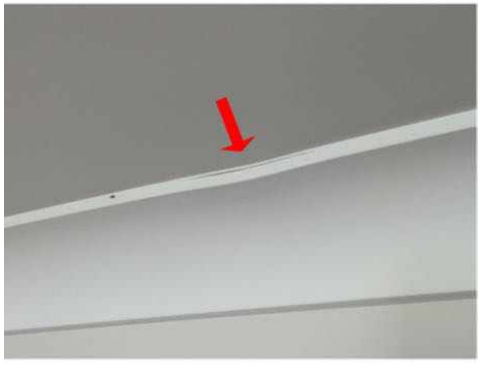
of a “whirly bird” or similar type of external air extraction device is recommended to be installed to the roof void to extract moist or hot air from the wet area exhaust fans and in hot or wet weather conditions.

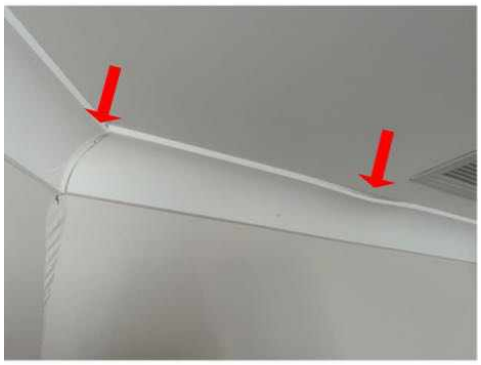
Being that we have only seen this issue at this moment in time, it is likely that this happened in the first couple of years of the house being built. It is possible that the plaster ceilings and cornice was installed prior to the roof tiles being installed (load or extra weight to the roof trusses), causing the roof trusses to sag slightly or “settle with the load” over time.

Comparatively minor works, such as re-plastering the cornice and ceiling should be done as the first step. Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters.

In some cases, sagging roof trusses may also indicate that there are structural issues (inadequate design of the roof trusses), causing sagging of the roof trusses and ceilings. Monitoring of these areas is recommended (after patching and painting is completed) to identify any further movement or sagging. If further movement and sagging continues, the appointment of a structural engineer is advised to further inspect the property and identify the source and rectification works required.

The appropriate action should be taken by the client as soon as possible to ensure that any potential further damage is limited.





Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Eaves - Water stained (from blocked and overflowing guttering)
Information:	Water staining to eaves/ceiling linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged. While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by ceiling linings. Cleaning out of the guttering and roof valleys is highly recommended as priority to avoid water overflows into the eaves and potentially into the external walls of the house also. It is highly advised that blocked gutters be cleaned out by a professional gutter cleaner, the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency. The installation of a quality suitable gutter guard is also highly recommended to reduce blockages, however regular flushing out of the guttering is still recommended to avoid debris build up below the gutter guard. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised.

Finding 2.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Lounge Room
Finding:	Ceiling - Water stained from a broken roof tile above
Information:	Water staining to ceiling linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged. While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by interior ceilings. Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber must be consulted to identify the cause of the staining and to provide advice on any reparation works that may be required. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised. Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Wet Areas
Finding:	Sealant or Grout - Deteriorated, Missing or substandard installation
Information:	Sealant appears to be inadequate to these tiled areas. The different materials and floor areas move at different rates therefore cracking the grout at this point. A flexible sealant is required to allow for this expansion & contraction while keeping the joint water tight and without holes for long term care of all building materials.

Apply a flexible sealant to match the grout that is best suited to the purpose as per product specifications. Regular maintenance &/or replacement of damage or missing sealant is highly recommended to the kitchen benches/splashbacks, vanity top to wall/splashback, laundry tub edge/splashback, wet areas floor edges and the shower floor & wall corners for the long term care of your property.

A sealant specialist company (like Megasealed or Tile Rescue for a warranty), builder, carpenter or tiling contractor (experienced in sealant applications) should be appointed to complete these works.

APPLYING SILICONE/SEALANT: (Or tips to do it yourself without a warranty)

As a main priority remove damaged grout where applicable and thoroughly clean the area from old sealant, grout and soap scum. (Mouldy sealant is usually caused by dirt & scum sitting behind the sealant from the sealant not sticking adequately to the dirty surfaces).

Apply masking tape to either side of the area to be siliconed and apply a flexible sealant to match the grout that is best suited to the purpose as per product specifications.

Cut sealant nozzle end to approximately 5mm hole diameter and Squeeze in. Push in and wipe off excess silicone with your finger (lightly first to even out sealant and to push into gaps then push in harder the 2nd time), carefully peel off the masking tape, spray area with spray & wipe (or similar to avoid sealant smearing up the wall) then finally run your finger over the sealant to give a smooth final finish.

Regular maintenance &/or replacement of damage or missing sealant is highly recommended for the long term care of your property.

Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Trees - Overhanging and filling gutters

Information: Overhanging trees often result in excessive amounts of leaf debris accumulating in gutters.

Gutters are a critical part of the building's management of storm water and rain. It is therefore important that they be kept clear to prevent secondary damage to associated building elements, including exterior and interior walls, ceiling linings and any adjoining building elements. Where gutters are blocked, pooling of rainwater is likely to occur, fast-tracking rust and corrosion of the roof plumbing elements.

It is highly advised that all overhanging tree branches be removed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage. Repair and/or replacement of sections of damaged guttering may also be required where the extent of the damage necessitates.

Such works should be performed by the homeowner; however, appointment of a landscape contractor or an arborist may be required. Consultation with a licensed roof plumber is required where guttering has been damaged.

Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Exterior
Finding: Gutters - Blocked
Information: Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all

debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Where gutter guard is installed, regular maintenance should include cleaning out any debris which may rest on top of or filter through the gutter guard. Regular flushing out of the guttering is still recommended to avoid debris build up below the gutter guard.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas. Such moisture will not only cause rust and decay of the associated building materials, but can also provide conditions that are conducive to termite and timber pest activity. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry conditions are maintained.

Consult a Licensed Plumber for further specific advice on remedial works that may be required. In the interim, it is highly advised that blocked gutters be removed by a professional gutter cleaner, the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency. The installation of a suitable gutter guard is also highly recommended to reduce blockages, however regular flushing out of the guttering is still recommended to avoid debris build up below the gutter guard.

Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Flashing missing to pipe penetration
Information:	Some sections of the roof are missing or have inadequate roof flashings. It appears that silicone only has been used to seal the hole to the roof which will break down over time and cause a leak. Flashings are metal and other materials which are applied to seals and intersections between roof coverings and building elements. They are designed to aid in weatherproofing of roof joins.

Flashings that are not installed adequately or are missing are likely to result in water penetration to the interior of the property, as well as creating excessively damp conditions against the exterior surfaces and around the base perimeter of the building.

Premature ageing and secondary building defects are imminent where roof plumbing is missing or inadequately installed. Additionally, water pooling also creates an environment that is susceptible to termite and pest infestation.

A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to install relevant roof plumbing materials, ensuring that no further damage is sustained.

Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof tiles - Broken (sealed with silicone - regular monitoring and replacement of sealant or tile is required)
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roof covering, broken roofing tiles were identified. Broken and friable roof tiles are generally the result of damage from falling tree branches or ageing and weathering of what is essentially a porous material. It appears that silicone has been used to repair the broken tile. Silicone will break down over time, so needs replacing regularly to avoid water leaks. Monitoring of the sealant is recommended and replace when required, however replacement of broken roof tiles is the best long term solution.

If left to further deteriorate, broken and brittle roof tiles are likely to lead to water penetration via the roof into the ceiling space, causing secondary damage to ceiling linings, insulation and roof structures. Broken roof tiles are also likely to detract from the effectiveness of the roof drainage system, creating potential for secondary damage to the exterior roof covering and roof plumbing.

Replacement of broken tiles is recommended and should be performed by a roofing contractor as soon as possible.

Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Sarking - Damaged or Loose
Information:	Sarking to under the roofing material is damaged, loose or has holes and gaps. Sarking acts as an insulator, helps with noise reduction & is a second barrier against water penetration from broken or slipped tile leaks & condensation.

Sarking is a laminated aluminium foil that is applied to the interior of the roof covering assisting in insulation of the roof void and subsequently the household. Where sarking is damaged insulation of the property is inhibited creating a loss of energy and thus negatively impacting the energy efficiency of the property.

A Builder, Carpenter or handyman will be able to repair the holes with pieces of sarking and AS4254 tape specific foil tape for this product.

Consult a builder or insulation specialist for further advice.

Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Exhaust fans - Sarking on roof (Ducting, Roof Vent or Eave Vents are required)
Information:	On inspection of the roof void, it was observed that the exhaust fans to the bathrooms do not exhaust directly to the outside of the building, which is required by the NCC if sarking has been fitted, as it has in this home.

NCC 3.8.5.1 states: An exhaust fan or other means of mechanical ventilation may be used to ventilate a sanitary compartment, kitchen, laundry or bathroom, or where mechanical ventilation is provided in accordance with 3.8.5.3(b), provided contaminated air exhausts:

(i) directly to outside the building by way of ducts or

(ii) into a roof space that;

(A) is adequately ventilated by open eaves, and/or roof vents or

(B) is covered by roof tiles WITHOUT SARKING or similar materials which would prevent venting through gaps between the tiles.

Finding 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Building elements - Rusted or corroded (external fittings & fixtures)
Information:	This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

As surface rust provides no protection to the underlying iron, the deteriorating condition is likely to worsen if not addressed in the short-term future.

Where possible, the use of galvanized (treated) metals or aluminium coated metals aid in rust prevention, as does regular general maintenance. Rust formation can be controlled with coatings, such as paint, that isolate the iron from the environment.

Rusting and corrosion should be managed by ideally removing or limiting the affected surface from exposure to moisture. A registered builder may be appointed to replace any building elements that have been severely affected by rust or water damage.

Finding 3.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Exterior walls - left side

Finding: Gas Bottle - Non-compliant (secure chain missing)

Information: In the opinion of the inspector, the gas bottle regulator is non compliant. However, in relation to gas and related gas plumbing, you should always consult a licensed plumber/gas fitter for further advice.

Unfinished and substandard building works are likely to degrade more quickly and may create potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, as well as a potential safety hazard in the case of gas service management.

The findings are that there appears to be no secure chain and the bottles are not securely fastened. Where installation is substandard and/or incomplete, the client should contact the responsible trade (gas plumber) to undertake rectification.

Finding 3.10

Building: Main Building

Location: Exterior walls - rear

Finding: Paint finish - Incomplete to some areas (PVC pipes not painted - externally)

Information: The paint finish in this area was identified as being incomplete at the time of

inspection. The exposed PVC downpipes and fittings should be painted or covered. PVC piping is not UV rated on its own and will perish and become brittle over time if not adequately painted or protected from UV rays. PVC piping is not UV rated on its own and will perish and become brittle over time if not adequately painted or protected from UV rays.

Whilst incomplete or missing paint finish is generally an appearance defect, it can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time. Incomplete areas of paint finish exposes the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of underlying building materials.

Incomplete paint finishes should be sanded back, filled, levelled and painted, as applicable. Where inadequate or missing paint protection has led to the deterioration of the associated building element, repair and/or replacement of this building element may be required.

A painting contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform necessary works to aid the appearance of the affected area and to ensure the area is protected against further deterioration. Alternatively, the homeowner following manufacturer instructions may perform these works.

Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	External walls - Holes
Information:	Significant holes were identified around pipe penetrations in this wall section. It is suspected that the installation of this pipework was completed to a substandard level of workmanship or is incomplete.

Gaps and holes around pipework makes the area susceptible to insect and vermin ingress, as well as allowing water penetration to the cavity wall. As such, associated building elements are likely to deteriorate at an accelerated rate, and major implications are expected if holes around the pipework are left unmanaged.

All excessive holes, gaps or cracks should be adequately filled by a suitable sealant or trimmings as soon as possible to prevent any further damage. Such works may be conducted by a general handyperson or licensed plumber.

Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls
Finding:	Articulation joints - Inadequate to some areas
Information:	The articulation or control joints throughout the exterior brickwork were deemed as insufficient at the time of inspection. Mortar, a non-compressive material, is still evident in some of the joints, not allowing the joints to do their job and allow the brick walls to expand and contract as required during different weather conditions.

Articulation joints must be cleaned of all non-compressive material and then sealed with an appropriate flexible sealant. Failure to perform these necessary works is likely to lead to excessive moisture ingress into these joints, or cracking to the brick walls during extreme weather conditions, which may carry major implications for associated building elements if left unmanaged.

These preventative works are important in ensuring the structural integrity of the associated brickwork. Appointment of a qualified builder or bricklayer is advised to perform remedial works as necessary.

Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Cracks in concrete slab - Category 1
Information:	Several cracks coded as Category 1 were identified in the slab. A Category 1 crack is described as a fine but noticeable crack, with the slab at an otherwise reasonable level.
	To be considered Category 1, the approximate width of the crack is less than 1.0mm, or a less than 10mm change in offset when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.
	Category 1 cracks should be monitored for a period of 12 months. At the end of the monitoring period, identified cracks that are rated greater than Category 2 are considered defects, and require rectification.

Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Lounge Room
Finding:	Walls - Damaged

Information: Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of broken elements is advised to ensure that additional secondary defects do not arise as a consequence. Such works are necessary, as all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

A relevant tradesperson should be appointed to repair or replace the affected building element prior to any subsequent damage being caused.

Finding 3.15

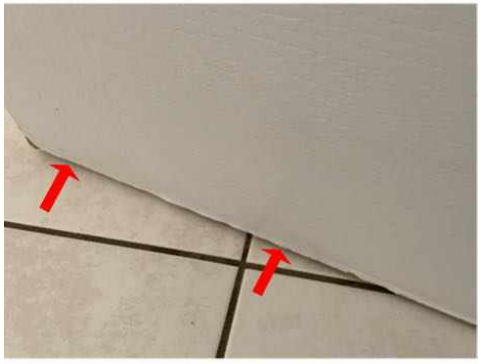
Building: Main Building
Location: Bathroom
Finding: Building element - Broken (toilet seat lid not connected)
Information: Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of broken elements is advised to ensure that additional secondary defects do not arise as a consequence. Such works are necessary, as all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

A relevant tradesperson should be appointed to repair or replace the affected building element prior to any subsequent damage being caused.

Finding 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom & Laundry
Finding:	Building element - Swollen (Bottom of doors from lack of paint)
Information:	Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with exisitng illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance. The structural integrity of swollen building elements can not be guaranteed, and further damage is likely to develop if left unmanaged. Excessive moisture is likely to lead to the development of secondary damage to any associated building elements, which may necessitate major reparation works if prolonged. Rectification of the cause of the water leak should be addressed prior to any remedial works to the swollen building elements. A licensed plumber should be appointed immediately to identify the cause of the leak and provide advice on remedial works as necessary, Repair and/or replacement of swollen building elements should be conducted as a matter of urgency by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.



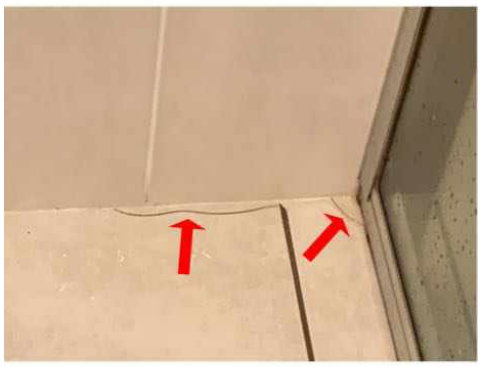
Finding 3.17

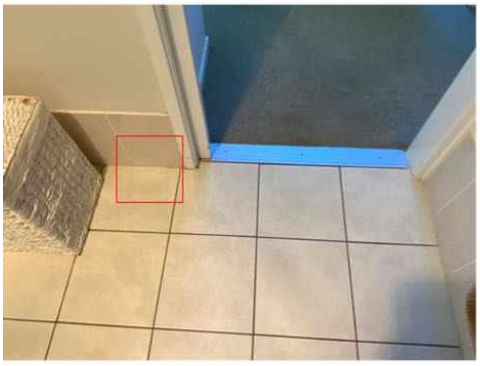
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Tiles - Cracked or damaged
Information:	Cracking was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection. While the cracking appears to be minor, this area is frequently exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring.

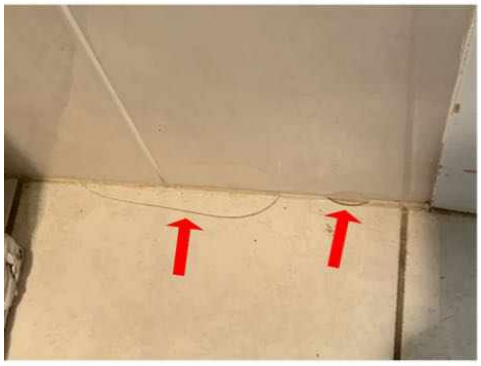
If left unmanaged, water penetration to these areas may lead to subsequent water damage, which is likely necessitate repair work to affected building elements.

A tiling contractor should be appointed to ensure that no further water damage occurs. The re-application of silicone and grouting throughout remaining tile work is also advised, to further protect the area against water penetration.

Where water penetration has led to water damage, appointment of a relevant tradesperson may be required to repair damaged building elements.







Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Cracking - Damage Category 2 - Noticeable (up to 5mm)
Information:	Noticeable cracks are a common occurrence as a result of many primary defects. Such causes may include age, general wear and tear, expected building movement, general expansion/contraction of building materials in different weather conditions, and/or minor failings in the installation or application of building materials.

Noticeable cracks may result in minor sticking or jamming of associated doors and windows, which require easement. However, noticeable cracks are easily filled and repaired. A plasterer can be consulted to install an expansion joint at this point to allow for this movement during different weather conditions.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous. Additionally, your building inspector should also be contacted if associated building elements such as doors and windows become more difficult to operate over time.

Relevant tradespeople, such as carpenters, painters and plasterers, should be appointed to perform remedial works, as deemed necessary.

Finding 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Building element - Not operating (Sliding door requires adjustment)
Information:	Non-operational items should be addressed to ensure that the full function of the building structure is available. Where some building elements are not operating as intended, it is possible that secondary building defects could arise due to their non-operation. Repair and/or replacement of the faulty building element is recommended. It is highly recommended that the relevant tradesperson be engaged to perform any necessary works.

Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property. A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place. The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.

Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Gutters - Blocked
Information:	Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Where gutter guard is installed regular maintenance should include cleaning out any debris which may rest on top of or filter through the gutter guard.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas. Such moisture will not only cause rust and decay of the associated building materials, but can also provide conditions that are conducive to termite and timber pest activity. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry conditions are maintained.

Consult a Licensed Plumber for further specific advice on remedial works that may be required. In the interim, it is highly advised that blocked gutters be removed by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.

Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	HWS Overflow - Not Connected
Information:	The Hot Water System (HWS) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

These damp conditions can lead to secondary defects such as rot, rust or corrosion of associated building elements, the formation of fungal decay, or even the creation of potential slip hazards. When coupled with poor site drainage, pooling of water may also attract termite activity to this area.

It is highly recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to connect the HWS overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.

Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber in ground contact
Information:	To reduce the risk of timber pest attack it is essential that timber used in a hazardous environment (e.g. in direct contact with the ground or frequently exposed to damp conditions) is of sufficient durability and/or is adequately preservative treated.

Untreated timbers in direct contact with the ground are likely to develop severe wood rot and/or fungal decay if left unattended creating attraction for subterranean termites to infest the timbers from surrounding areas.

If untreated or non-durable timbers are found to be in a hazardous environment it is highly advised that replacement of these building elements be performed as soon as possible to aid the protection of the property against termite / timber pest attack.

Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection (water leak to roof void)
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack fungal growth and wood decay.
	Excessive moisture is generally caused by deteriorated inadequate or missing roof drainage, leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures, poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage.
	It is highly recommended that all plumbing and drainage fixtures and fittings be maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the external / internal property.

Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls
Finding:	Bridging or breaching of termite barriers - weep holes
Information:	Bridging is the spanning of a termite barrier or inspection zone so that subterranean termites are provided with passage over or around that barrier.

Breaching is the making of a hole or gap in a termite barrier so that termites are provided with a passage over or around that barrier.

Weep holes in the exterior brickwork of the property are designed to allow condensation that may build up between the brickwork and subsequent timber framework to drain from within the wall hence preventing any deterioration of the timber building elements.

Where weep holes are covered by external ground levels such as paving or garden beds concealed entry is available for termites from these grounds into the brickwork or external wall materials.

Additionally build-up of moisture is likely to occur if weep holes are covered further attracting termite activity to these areas.

It is highly recommended that weep holes are left exposed in all areas throughout the external property. Therefore if any termite activity leading into weep holes becomes easily detectable during frequent pest inspections.

Finding 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Trees within 50m of the property
Information:	Trees within 50m of the property can be conducive to termite activity. It is recommended an invasive inspection of all trees with 50m to the property be carried out by a qualified pest control expert.

Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

We advise that you seek additional specialist inspections from a qualified and, where appropriate, licensed

- Licensed Electrician

- Licensed Plumber

- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

Jim's Building Inspections can put you in contact with qualified and licensed providers of these and other trades services. Please contact your inspector for recommendations, or visit www.jims.net.

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- BUILDING
The building compared to others of a similar age and construction appears to be mostly in good condition. It does however have safety hazards, major defects and some minor maintenance issues that will require attention and remedial maintenance. Left unmanaged some of these defects may become costly in the future and develop into more major defects over time.

Please be aware that limitation's did affect the inspection and areas of low clearance and poor access meant a complete inspection of the roof space and subfloor was not possible and areas of furniture, stored items, insulation and garden vegetation meant some areas was obstructed.

Definition of a Major Defect (AS 4349.1-2007)
A major defect is a defect of significant magnitude where, in the inspector's opinion:
Rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility, or further deterioration of the property.

TIMBER PEST
Due to the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation, we strongly recommend that a full chemical termite management system be installed to the property and inspections in accordance with AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2:2017 is conducted at this property not exceeding 12 months (or as otherwise recommended by the pest control company installing the system).

Note: Regular inspections WILL NOT stop timber pest infestation; however, the damage which may be caused will be reduced when the infestation is found at an early stage.
In an attempt to identify the presence of hidden timber pest activity, a variety of techniques are

adopted to identify irregularities including, a moisture meter reading of susceptible areas, sounding of timber elements using a tapping device, visual assessment of materials affected by moisture or signs of deformity, mud trails and bridging constructed by termites, irregular and regular shaped holes in timber elements indicating pest destruction.
Termite activity generates high temperatures and moisture and if this irregularity is found it can be grounds for further investigation.

Wall paneling, wall paper, carpet and fixed cabinetry can obscure termite activity.

Please be aware evidence of termites, including damage, may be present to concealed and inaccessible timbers, and would only be found if exposed by invasive means.

Trees and stumps, where present, have been visually inspected up to a 2 meter height where possible and practicable, for evidence of termite activity.

It is very difficult, and generally not possible to locate termite nests when they are underground and if within trees they are usually well concealed. We therefore strongly recommend trees and stumps be test drilled for evidence of termite nests.

There are a few factors limiting the ability of a Timber Pest Inspector to gain an accurate representation of Timber Pest activity. Timber Pests by their very nature are secretive and difficult to locate. They are often completely concealed by the linings and claddings of buildings and cannot be detected without intrusive and destructive inspection techniques that are not possible without written permission from the property owner.

The presence of Timber Pests can often only be determined by repeated inspections carried out over a period of time. Furthermore, it is never possible to conclusively determine that a property is free of Timber Pests.
If no evidence of termites was found at this inspection be aware that at the initial stages of a termite attack, there is often no evidence that an attack has commenced such evidence may only become apparent sometime after the attack has commenced.

The client must be aware that any renovations or further invasive inspections may highlight damage which was not immediately accessible or seen by either immediate or implied damage. This could include mould, rot, corrosion, or various pest activities including termites.

The Timber Pest inspection is looking at the subject property at a moment in time. This inspection does not have the benefit of knowing the property history.
Timber Pests are not static but dynamic and can often infest properties in a remarkably short space of time. Therefore, a Timber Pest inspection is not a guarantee that a property does not have or will not sustain Timber Pest attack or damage. Pests other than those defined as “Timber Pests” are not included and are not reported upon.

Many buildings have areas where termites can gain concealed entry to the structure and cannot be detected by the inspection. This is important for the purchaser to consider in the ongoing management

of Timber Pests at the property.
As the inspection can only report details of what was found on the day of the inspection, we strongly recommend that should you find evidence of new termite workings or damage prior to the next recommended Inspection you should contact a pest controller immediately.

Inspections may not stop timber pest infestations, however the damage which may be caused will be reduced if found at an early stage.
The Client must acknowledge that Timber Pest infestation risk is never zero. Even buildings and properties that have low risk of Timber Pest infestation can still be attacked and damaged by Timber Pests. Attack of buildings by Timber Pests is normal and not uncommon.

The application of a subterranean termite treatment in accordance with Australian Standard AS3660.3 is highly recommended for all properties. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

Termite management systems are intended to force termites into all zones where their presence can be seen. Termite management systems are important and beneficial in the early detection of termites during regular maintenance inspections.
Owners must be proactive in the decision-making process. And most importantly, they must ensure they arrange for appropriately licensed and qualified operators to carry out regular inspections.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WHERE APPLICABLE:
- Install a Post-Construction Chemical Termite management system to the property (consult a suitably qualified termite expert for advice).
- Maintain the current Termite barrier system to the property (consult the installer to maintain warranty periods & conditions)
- No evidence of annual inspections have been carried out as per the warranty conditions of this termite barrier. Book your local pest inspector in to carry out regular inspections to adhere to the warranty.
- Expose the slab edges and keep them clear where possible (minimum of 75mm) for regular Termite inspections. (If this is not possible then the installation of a Chemical Termite management system is even more highly recommended). Consult a suitably qualified termite expert for further advice.
- Clear any debris, garden beds or soil covering weep holes (to prevent concealed termite entry). (If this is not possible then the installation of a Chemical Termite management system is even more highly recommended). Consult a suitably qualified termite expert for further advice.
- Remove, replace or treat any non-treated timbers in direct contact with the ground.
- Repair and monitor any water leaks and areas of excessive moisture.
- Clean and flush out blocked guttering regularly.
- Connect the HWS overflows to storm water or away from the edge of the building (minimum 1m).

- Trees over 100mm diameter on the property should be drilled and tested for termite activity.
- Regular inspections every 6-12 months (or as advised by the termite management system installer)

Additional information:

- Trees nearby on other properties could not be inspected.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Ben Monaghan on: 0416 033 472

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
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Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

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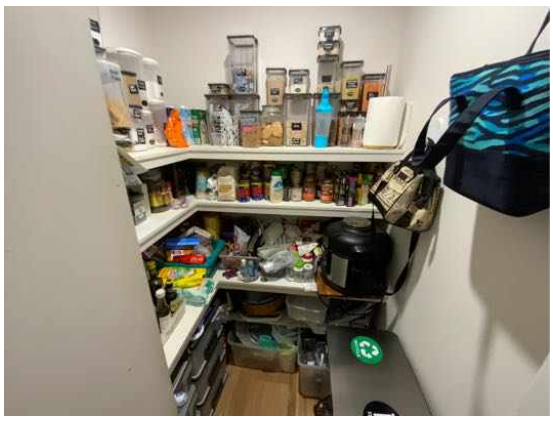


Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Wet Areas
Finding:	Water Proofing Membranes - Information Only
Information:	Internal Water Proofing Membranes, are crucial in preventing water ingress into the property is important to know that the Membrane System used is to Australian Standards and has been installed correctly.

Please refer to the original Building Documents or Maintenance Schedule for the relevant information including;

- Membrane used and Manufacturers Specifications.

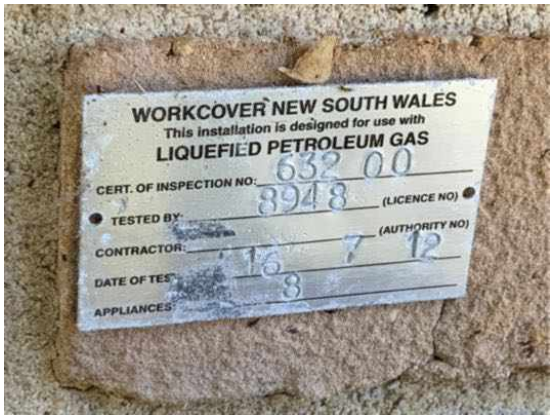
- The Installer and Installation Certification.

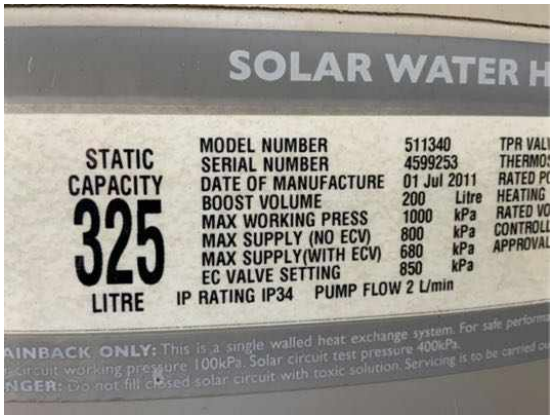
With older propertys where this information is unavailable all wet areas should be monitored. Generally waterproofing certificates are only valid for approximately 7-8yrs. If any leaks, water staining, peeling or bubbling of the paint become evident to any adjacent walls or ceilings below a licensed builder or waterproofing specialist is recommended to investigate further.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Additional Photos
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference. Arrows have been included to highlight areas of importance. Please discuss these photos with your building consultant for clarification.





The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program

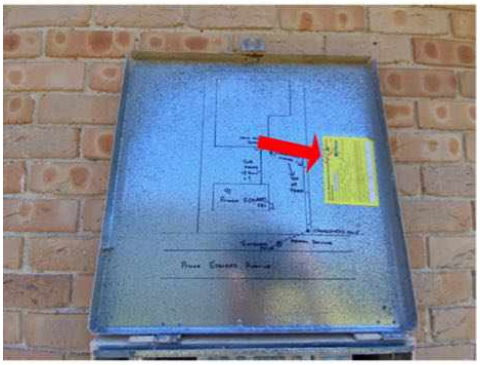
Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Evidence of a previous termite management system was identified
Information:	There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter box) observable physical barriers installed to building perimeter and in ground

reticulation systems.

Where a Termite Management System has been identified you should refer to the type of barrier date of installation warranty conditions and any documentation provided by a builder or past owner. Consult the company who installed the barrier to confirm whether the system is still under warranty.

Most chemical termite management systems expire and require replenishment and all physical systems are primarily designed to prevent concealed entry.



Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Conditions Conducive to Termite Activity	Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Termites.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Instrument Testing	Where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments: (a) electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements (b) stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements (c) probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g. bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees and (d) sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object. (e) T3I - an instrument used to detect movement, moisture and changes in temperature within timber
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried

	out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine,Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm2 (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm2 (Commercial).
Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.
Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Subterranean Termite Management Proposal	A written proposal in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 to treat a known subterranean termite infestation and/or manage the risk of concealed subterranean termite access to buildings and structures.
Termites	Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Isoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.
Tests	Additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be

	particularly susceptible to attack by Termites. Instrument Testing of those areas and other visible accessible timbers/materials/areas showing evidence of attack was performed.
Timber Pest Activity	Tell-tale signs associated with 'active' (live) and/or 'inactive' (absence of live) Timber Pests at the time of inspection.
Timber Pest Attack	Timber Pest Activity and/or Timber Pest Damage.
Timber Pest Damage	Noticeable impairments to the integrity of timber and other susceptible materials resulting from an attack by Timber Pests.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazards	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

Terms on which this report was prepared

This report is based on the condition of the property at the time of inspection. We strongly recommend re-inspection 30 days after this report is issued as the general condition of the property is likely to have changed, including the extent of defects described and instance of potential undetected defects.

This report has been prepared in accordance with and subject to the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties, which forms part of this Report.

This Report is prepared for the client identified above and may not be relied on by any other person without our express permission or by the purchase of this Report on our website.

SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCOPE, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IN YOUR PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND THIS REPORT

Any of the exclusions or limitations identified for this Report may be the subject of a special-purpose inspection which we recommend being undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector

RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

This report has been prepared based on conditions at the time of the report.

We own the copyright in this report and may make it available to third parties.

If your Property is in the Australian Capital Territory, you acknowledge we will make certain information about this Report available to the ACT Government for inclusion in the building and pest inspections public register if required under the *Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003* . This will include the fact the report has been prepared, the Property street address, date of the inspection, the name of the person who prepared the report and (if applicable) the entity that employs them.

UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

If this Report has identified a medium or high-risk rating for undetected defects, we strongly recommend a further inspection of areas that were inaccessible. This may include an invasive inspection that requires the removal or cutting of walls, floors or ceilings.

If the Property has been vacant for a period of time, moisture levels or leaks may not be detectable at the time of the inspection because often only frequent use of water pipes (showers, taps etc) result in a leak being identifiable. We advise further testing on pipes and water susceptible areas (such as the bathroom and laundry) after more frequent use has occurred.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician. We recommend a special-purpose

report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

This is not a smoke alarm report. We recommend all existing detectors in the Property be tested and advice sought as to the suitability of number, placement and operation.

This is not an asbestos report. There are potential products in the Property containing asbestos that will not be identified in this report. In order to accurately identify asbestos, we recommend performing an asbestos inspection, particularly for buildings built prior to 1988.

This is not a report on safety glass. Glazing in older homes may not reflect current standards and may cause significant injury if damaged. Exercise caution around the glass in older homes.

This is not a report on window opening restrictions. We have not inspected window opening restrictors. Window openings in older buildings may not reflect current standards and can be a potential risk. Window opening restrictors are advised for all second story or above windows with sill heights below 900mm. Some states make this a mandatory requirement. Owners should enquire of their local and state requirements to ensure compliance.

This is not a report on pool safety. If a swimming pool is present it should be the subject to a special purpose pool inspection.

External Timber Structures - Balcony and Decks. It is strongly recommended that a Structural Engineer is required to assess distributed load capacity of external timber structures such as balconies and decks, alerting users of the load capacity. Regular maintenance and inspections by competent practitioners to assess the ongoing durability of exposed external timber structures are needed.

This is not a Group Titled Property Report as per AS4349.2. If you require a report for a Group Titled Property as per this standard, please seek a separate inspection for Group Titled Properties.

MOISTURE

The identification of moisture, dampness or the evidence of water penetration is dependent on the weather conditions at the time an inspection. The absence of dampness identified in this Report does not necessarily mean the Property will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions or that roofs, walls or wet areas are watertight.

Where the evidence of water penetration is identified we recommend detailed investigation of waterproofing in the surrounding area monitoring of the affected area over a period of time to fully detect and assess the cause of dampness.

MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

This Report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the Property in the future. Accordingly, a preventative maintenance program should be implemented which includes systematic inspections, detection and prevention of issues. Please contact the inspector who carried out this inspection for further advice.

It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of

conditions conducive to timber pest activity. Undertaking thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months (or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high or the building type is susceptible to attack). To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attack, implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical barrier. However, AS3660 stresses that subterranean termites can bridge or breach barrier systems and inspection zones and those thorough regular inspections of the building are necessary.

NO CERTIFICATION

a) The Property has been compared to others of a similar age, construction type and method that had an acceptable level of basic maintenance completed.

b) We don't advise you about title, ownership or other legal matters like easements, restrictions, covenants and planning laws. None of our inspections constitutes approval by a Building Surveyor, a certificate of occupancy or compliance with any law, regulation or standard, including any comment on whether the Property complies with current Australian Standards, Building Regulations or other legislative requirements.

RECTIFICATION COSTS

We don't provide advice on the costs of rectification or repair unless specifically identified in the scope of the Report. Any cost advice provided verbally or in this report must be taken as of a general nature and is not to be relied on. Actual costs depend on the quality of materials, the standard of work, what price a contractor is prepared to do the work for and may be contingent on approvals, delays and unknown factors associated with third parties. No liability is accepted for costing advice.