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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2026

Property Address: 25 Wattle St, Rydalmere NSW 2116, 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).

Original Inspection Date:	Mon, 19 Jan 2026
Modified Date:	Wed, 28 Jan 2026

The Parties

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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: Not Applicable

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 the condition documented in this report.

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	Detached, Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Unfurnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Fence - Post and Rail Construction
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Eaves, Fascias, Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Stumps, Veranda Posts, Weatherboards, Window Frames
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Timber Framed and Clad, Weatherboards, Light Weight Wall Clad
Weather	Overcast

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

- Fencing

- Interior

- Gardens

- Roof Exterior - First Floor Only

- Roof Void - Part

- Subfloor - Part

- Trees

- The Site

- 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.

- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.

- Roof Exterior - Part

- Subfloor - Part.

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:

- Above safe working height

- Appliances and equipment

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection

- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access

- Ceiling cavity inspection was obstructed by approximately 50% due to obstructions like insulation, ducting and poor clearance or access restrictions.

- Ceiling linings

- Fixed ceilings

- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Floor coverings

- Insulation

- Old disused HWS in roof cavity incl associated plumbing

- Wall linings

- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings

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:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Balustrade - Suspected Non-Compliance
Information:	The balustrade was measured and found to less than the present building regulation requirement of 1000mm high. Additionally the gaps between the balustrade cladding were found to be greater than the present building regulation requirement of 125mm.

As with all constructions, compliance for a particular dwelling need only meet the regulations of the build date and not necessarily future changes to specific building regulations.

Some changes to the building regulations are made to ensure the safety of all inhabitants and balustrades are definitely one of those crucial regulations.

This defect creates a potential safety hazard and should be rectified as soon as possible to ensure the safety of the area and to meet present building standards and regulations.

A registered builder should be contacted to discuss possible rectification solutions.

Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Subsidence

Information: It appears that the wall structure structure has been affected by movement of the foundations, often referred to as sinking or subsidence. Whilst a degree of movement is expected in subfloors over time, especially as environmental conditions change and buildings 'settle' after construction, this degree of subfloor movement requires attention.

General subsidence is usually initiated by changes in soil moisture content. The most critical factor is identifying the specific causes, and identifying if this is a recurring or ongoing problem, or one that has been resolved by previous works in the past.

Subsidence can have complex and varying causes, which will influence the required remedial works. It is advised to begin by consulting a structural engineer to determine the required scope of works. This generally includes some form of underpinning, as well as addressing the underlying cause. Consultation with a geotechnical engineer may also be necessary where changes to soil moisture content is apparent.

A Registered Builder specialising in re-stumping would then generally carry out works as advised by an Engineer.

Finding 2.02

Building: Main Building

Location: Toilet (WC)

Finding: Damp - Rising

Information: Rising damp describes the upward movement of water in low sections of building elements (e.g. walls) by capillary action - the movement of water through porous materials such as bricks, sandstone or mortar.

Rising damp is generally managed by the installation of a damp proof course during construction. A Damp Proof Course (DPC) is an impermeable barrier at the base of the wall above ground level. However, many 19th Century buildings have no damp course installed, or the materials have failed. The DPC may have been omitted as a consequence of poor workmanship, or it may have been bridged where materials built up against the side of the house allow moisture ingress above the DPC level.

Left unmanaged, rising damp can lead to health problems resulting from mould growth and can have major implications on affected building elements, including wall finishes like paint and plasterwork.

The first step in addressing rising damp is to diagnose the cause. The identified cause should be addressed first before addressing the appearance and other defects which have resulted from the rising damp. If the original cause is not resolved, further cases of damp are likely to ensue, resulting in secondary defects.

Consultation with a qualified plumber is advised immediately to identify the cause of the damp and perform remedial works as required.

Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Excessive moisture - identified
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote 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.

If mould growth has been found there may be environmental biological or health issues involved. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector should also be contacted.

Prior to any remedial works being performed a qualified plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and to identify the cause of the excessive moisture. Works to remove affected building elements may then be necessary and should be performed by an appropriate tradesperson.

Finding 2.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Damp - Rising
Information:	Rising damp describes the upward movement of water in low sections of building elements (e.g. walls) by capillary action - the movement of water through porous materials such as bricks, sandstone or mortar.

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Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Subsidence Monitor
Information:	It appears that the subfloor structure has been affected by movement of the foundations, often referred to as sinking or subsidence. A degree of movement is expected in subfloors over time, especially as environmental conditions change and buildings settle after construction.

The apparent subsidence is evidenced by some of the following, gaps and cracks to brickwork.

General subsidence is usually initiated by changes in soil moisture content. The most critical factor is identifying the specific causes, and identifying if this is a recurring or ongoing problem, or one that has been resolved by previous works in the past.

Subsidence can have complex and varying causes, which will influence the required remedial works. If movement continues It is advised to consult a structural engineer to determine if repair works are waranted. Works may include some form of underpinning, as well as addressing the underlying cause. Consultation with a

geotechnical engineer may also be necessary where changes to soil moisture content is apparent.

A Registered Builder would then generally carry out works as advised by an Engineer.

At this point it is recommended to contain storm water flows, ensure pavements flow away from the building to lessen any excessive wetting and drying effects.

Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Surface - Holes
Information:	Holes in surfaces are generally indicative of impact damage, whether accidental or deliberate, or a failing of the surface material.

Where holes are apparent in the surface of a building material, the surface is no longer sealed against water penetration or further impact damage, which may lead to additional damage to the surrounding surface.

Repair or replacement of the affected building element is recommended as soon as possible to ensure that any secondary defects are minimised. A qualified carpenter or general handyperson should be appointed to perform these works.

Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Roof tiles - Weathered
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof tiles were considered to be in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

Isolated areas of mortar have come loose in the valleys and minor cracking is also present. Re-pointing and re-sealing the may be considered as an interim solution by the client to help preserve and extend the life span of the tiles.

Where left unmanaged, deteriorating roof tiles are likely to lead to a number of secondary defects, including minor water leaks and weather exposure to internal roofing structures.

Consultation with a roofing contractor is highly advised to gain advice on cost of remedial works that may be required in the short to medium term. Remedial works are likely to increase the longevity of the exterior roofing structure.

Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Exterior roof - Leaking
Information:	Active roof leaks were evident at the time of inspection. Roof leaks can have a number of causes, including damage to roof coverings, deterioration of roof fixtures and fittings, or loosely associated materials (fascias etc.).

Where water leaks are active, rain penetration is likely to cause water damage to associated structures and building elements in this area, which can have a range of implications. If left unmanaged, the development of major structural damage to the roofing and associated structures may occur.

A roof plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to primarily identify the cause of the leak, and to provide subsequent repair works as necessary. Depending on the extent of the damage, replacement of sections of the roof covering and/or roofing structures may be required, and may be performed by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.

Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Vanity/Deterioration
Information:	It was noted that the vanity was damaged due to exposure to water and moisture. This could be due to low quality of the vanity itself, or the misuse by the occupant or the excessive exposure to steam and lack of ventilation. A qualified plumber should be contacted to make good vanity or replace it.

Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Timber Pest Damage

Finding 5.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Evidence of termite mud packing remains

Information:

Despite no live termite or timber pest activity being indicated, previous termite damage was found to have affected this area. This damage is considered to be inactive and is minor in nature.

It is advised that the area be visually inspected frequently and also invasive inspection is required to determine the extent of damage if there is an in the walls .

A building contractor may be appointed to provide a further invasive inspection if further damage is evident.

Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Site drainage - Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage in this area was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements.

It is important that water does not lie against the base of walls; surrounding paths and ground levels should be sloped to drain water away from walls. Downpipes should not disgorge stormwater onto lower walls or plinths. Stormwater should be carried away by large, regularly cleaned drains. Ground levels may need to be lowered to expose a buried DPC.

Where site drainage is inadequate, installation of an Agricultural (Aggie) Drain may be required. A qualified plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and perform any remedial works as necessary. Water damage and secondary defects are likely to occur if left unmanaged.

Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side

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 6.03

Building: Main Building

Location: Exterior walls - right side

Finding: Tree stumps

Information: Where tree stumps are in direct contact with the ground and consequently moisture or dampness they become conducive to termite activity as they can provide an environment that is attractive to termite infestation.

When met with excessive moisture timber begins to decay and develop wood rot.

Any tree stumps that are in direct contact with external grounds provide Ingress for subterranean termites into that particular element.

The removal of any tree stumps that may be conducive to termite activity should be removed as soon as possible to minimise the risk of termite attack or alternatively drill and testing all tree stumps will be required to determine the presence of termite activity

Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Air conditioner - Disconnected overflow
Information:	The Air Conditioner (A/C) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

Such leaking creates an environment which is conducive to an array of defects, including water damage to associated building elements and the attraction of termite or timber pest infestation.

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

Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Sub-floor excessive moisture
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack fungal growth in wood decay.

Excessive moisture is generally caused by inadequate subfloor ventilation and poor site drainage.

There appear to be inadequate vents installed to the perimeter of the building and I would suggest that further solar powered fans or the like be installed to improve crossflow ventilation and aid in keeping the subfloor area relatively dry.

The installation of additional surface drainage to the front of the property would also be beneficial to keeping the subfloor dry.

It is highly recommended that subfloor ventilation and site drainage be improved and maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the external/internal property.

Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

Finding 7.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Fascias - Wood rot
Information:	Wood rot was found to be affecting fascias and barges in this area, evidenced by the presence of mould on the surface in some areas. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis.

It is likely that this wood rot has developed as a result of faults in the roof plumbing, creating excessive moisture in this areas. Frequent exposure to rain and other weather conditions also make fascias and barges susceptible to accelerated deterioration.

Early intervention and regular maintenance will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner.

It is advised that a roof plumber be appointed to inspect all roof plumbing and subsequently identify the cause of the wood rot. Replacement of affected fascias and barges may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from

such deterioration.

A qualified plumber may be appointed to assess the cause of excessive moisture and to provide advice on any remedial works as required. A qualified carpenter or registered builder may also be required to replace affected building materials.

Finding 7.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Gate/side fence
Finding:	Wood rot
Information:	The timber post shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis. This could be the result of exposure to weathering over a prolonged period of time, or the attraction of excessive moisture from other abutting building materials. Contributing factors also include poor air ventilation in the area.

Early intervention and regular maintenance, particularly of exterior timbers, will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner. Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

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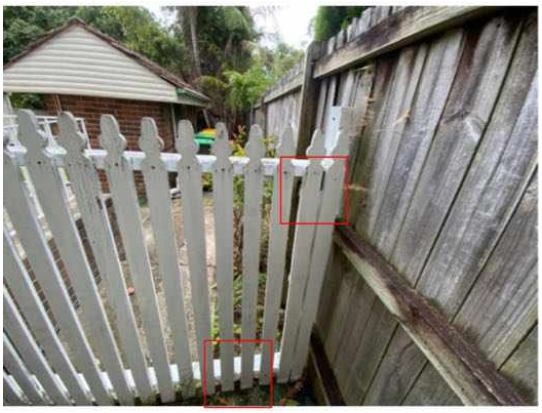

Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

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

- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

- Damp Proofing Specialist

- Licensed Plumber specialising in Roof Plumbing

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

- The building appears to be in fair condition compared to buildings of similar age and construction which have been well maintained.minor and major defects and safety hazards were found at the time of the inspection.

The following recommendations are highly advised to avoid further damage or deterioration of the building elements:

-Adjust binding doors.
-Maintenance is required to windows
-Adequately connect all down pipes to the stormwater drainage.
-Cleaning and maintenance is required to the roof gutters and valleys
-apply sealant grout where required
-improve subfloor ventilation
-improve site drainage.
-repair leaning fencing
-address rising damp
-Repair leaking roof
-termite treatment required

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Charlie Lichaa on: 0452342126

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
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:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Asbestos - Suspected ACM Identified on Site
Information:	Reporting on Asbestos is outside the Scope of this Report. This suspected defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that there is a higher risk of the identified building element containing asbestos.

As Asbestos Reporting is outside the scope of this report, we advise that you consider a separate Asbestos Inspection and Condition Audit, which can include the taking of samples for definitive confirmation of the presence of Asbestos.

In the interim, the client is advised to act with caution, especially when considering any damage to building materials general wear and tear renovations extensions demolition and general maintenance activities due to the suspected presence of Asbestos.

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Asbestos - Suspected ACM Identified on Site
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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.