



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2026

Property Address: 8 Pereira St, Newington NSW 2127,  
Australia



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## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

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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
<b>Safety Hazard</b>	✓	
<b>Major Defect</b>	✓	
<b>Minor Defect</b>	✓	
<b>Live Timber Pest Activity</b>		✓
<b>Timber Pest Damage</b>		✓
<b>Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity</b>	✓	
<b>Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage</b>	✓	
<b>Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage</b>		✓
<b>Evidence of a previous termite management program</b>	✓	

### Overall Condition (Building)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in fair condition with some major and minor defects found.

### 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

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Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Pergola
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Window Frames
Roof	Flat
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer, Light Weight Wall Clad
Weather	Fine

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## 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.
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Inside of the fencing.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.

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 significantly obstructed with more than 75% of the inspectable area inaccessible or obstructed by factors like lack of safe access, insulation and ducting.
- Ceiling linings
- Evidence of remedial cleaning may result in lower levels of contaminant being detected.
- Evidence of recent renovation may obscure, temporarily lower or reduce the overall levels of contaminant detected.
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Lack of natural or acceptable lighting
- Lack of suitable access or entry point
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 75% of every room.
- Vegetation covered approximately 25% of the area for inspection.

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)

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## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

#### Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Front Elevation
Finding:	External timber balcony or deck-structural stability
Information:	The load capacity of the external balcony or deck could not be verified during the inspection.

External timber structures are also constantly exposed to weather deteriorates in an exhilarate manner, ongoing assessments are required.

It is highly recommended that a structural engineer further, assess the external timber balcony or a deck to inform the client of its load capacity.

Regular maintenance inspections by competent practitioners is needed.





Finding 1.02

Building: Main Building  
Location: Ensuite  
Finding: Mould - Present  
Information: Mold growth is present throughout the property, primarily due to inadequate ventilation. Poor airflow and moisture accumulation within the house have created ideal conditions for mold to thrive.

### Risk:

- **Health Hazards**: Mold growth can pose serious health risks to occupants, particularly those with allergies, asthma, or other respiratory conditions. Prolonged exposure to mold spores can cause respiratory issues, skin irritation, and other allergic reactions.
- **Structural Damage**: Mold can degrade building materials over time, leading to rot and weakening of the structural components such as timber, drywall, and insulation, which can result in costly repairs.
- **Decreased Property Value**: The presence of mold can significantly reduce the value of the property, as it indicates underlying moisture and ventilation issues that need addressing.

### Recommendation:

A licensed mold remediation specialist should be engaged to remove the mold and treat affected areas. In addition, a ventilation expert or builder should assess and improve the house's ventilation system, possibly installing exhaust fans, vents, or mechanical ventilation systems to ensure adequate airflow and prevent future mold growth.



## Major Defect

### Finding 2.01

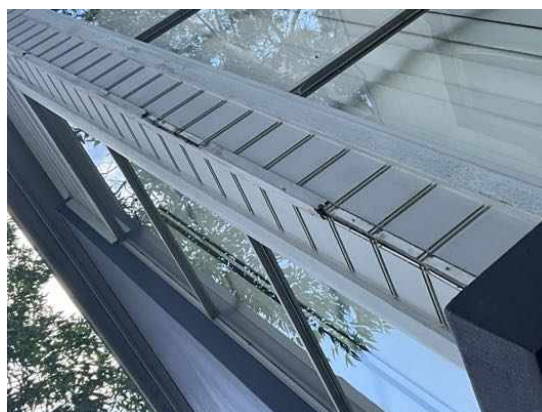
Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Rot - Timber Trim with Water Ingress Risk  
Information: The timber trim displays visible signs of deterioration, including delamination, paint peeling, cracking, and possible decay. The damaged section has opened up, exposing the internal substrate.

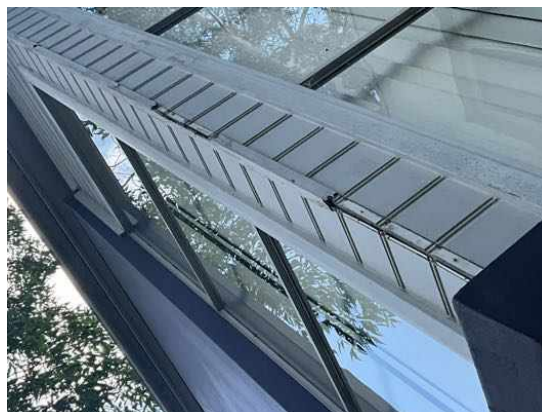
Risks:

- Moisture ingress into the wall cavity, potentially leading to structural timber decay or concealed mould growth.
- Reduced durability of the cladding system.
- Potential pest entry point, especially if there's access to framing.
- Aesthetic deterioration impacting long-term maintenance costs.

Recommended Action:

- A licensed carpenter or building maintenance contractor should remove the damaged timber and inspect the substrate behind it for further decay.
- Replace or repair the affected section, apply appropriate flashing or sealant, and repaint using exterior-grade finishes.
- If moisture ingress has affected the internal framing or caused hidden mould or termite risk, further investigation by a building consultant or pest inspector is recommended.





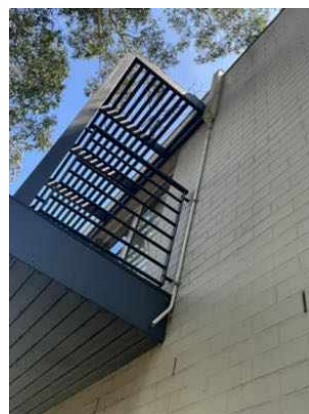
## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Front Elevation
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 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Cracking noticeable
Information:	There were several cracks and or crack repairs evident to external brickwork.

Noticeable cracks are a common occurrence in external brickwork and are a likely result of age expected building movement, general expansion, and/or contraction of building materials in different weather conditions. Noticeable cracks in brickwork may develop if left unattended, with potential for necessitating major remedial works or replacement of the brickwork.

It is highly advised that a qualified bricklayer be appointed to provide necessary works to cracked brickwork to prevent any further damage. Such works should be conducted as soon as possible.

Always monitor these cracks and contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.





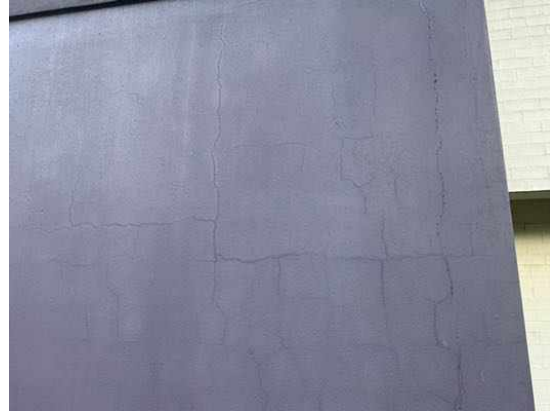
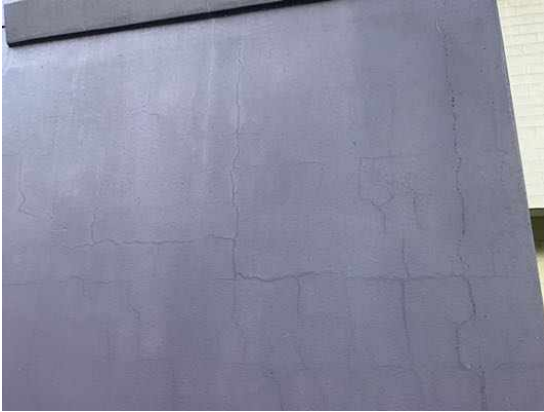
Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Cracking - rendered surface  
Information: Cracking observed along the vertical and diagonal plane of the rendered surface. The cracks appear as fine to moderate-width cracks, indicating potential shrinkage or movement within the substrate.

Standard Reference:

According to AS 4349.1-2007 Inspection of Buildings and the Guide to Standards and Tolerances 2017 cracks up to 1mm wide are considered an acceptable tolerable limit for plaster and render finishes in the absence of other symptoms (such as displacement or water ingress). Cracks between 1mm and 5mm wide may require repair depending on their cause and severity.





### Finding 3.04

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Flaky Paint

Information: Sections of the paint in this area was found to have deteriorated. Paint deteriorating is generally an indication of excessive moisture in the area that is currently hidden by the painted surface.

The presence of excessive moisture can have major implications on associated building elements if left unattended. While only seemingly minor at this stage, the damage cannot be determined due to the paint, obstructing any further inspection of the damage.

It is highly advised that the affected paint to be cleaned to allow a further, more invasive inspection by a licensed builder/painter. Failure to act on this defect may necessitate major works in the future.





### Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof Weathered
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof was not in a fair condition. While weathering of the roof 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 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 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Blocked gutters - organic debris
Information:	The roof gutter system was observed to be blocked with organic debris and moss growth, as evident in the provided images.

#### Risk:

Blocked gutters can prevent proper stormwater drainage, leading to water overflow. This may result in:

- Water ingress into the eaves or walls,
- Timber rot or deterioration of fascia and soffits,
- Accelerated moss and algae growth, promoting further blockages,
- Potential foundation issues if water pools near the base of the structure.

#### Recommended Action:

Cleaning of the gutters and downpipes is required to restore proper drainage function. Installation of gutter guards may also be considered to prevent future blockages.

#### Who Can Fix It:

A licensed roofing contractor or qualified gutter cleaning service should be engaged to remove the debris and inspect the system for any further issues.



Finding 3.07

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Garage  
 Finding: Minor Dent on Garage Door  
 Information: A minor dent is visible on the lower section of the garage door. It does not affect how the door works but does impact its appearance.

Risk:

Low. Mainly cosmetic. Could worsen over time if hit again.

Who Can Fix It:

A garage door technician or handyman can repair or replace the panel if needed.



### Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Pergola  
 Finding: Disconnected downpipe  
 Information: A notable defect with a disconnected downpipe, compromising the efficient drainage of rainwater from the roof. This disconnectivity poses an increased risk of water accumulation, potentially leading to foundation erosion, water damage to the property, and a conducive environment for mold growth.”

The primary risks associated with the not connected downpipe include:

1. Foundation Erosion: Accumulated water around the foundation due to the disconnected downpipe can lead to soil erosion, jeopardizing the stability of the property's foundation.
2. Water Damage: Uncontrolled water runoff can result in water penetrating the building envelope, causing interior water damage to walls, ceilings, and other structural components.
3. Mold Growth: The presence of excess moisture provides an ideal environment for mold growth, posing health risks and necessitating costly remediation.

Resolution:

Engage a qualified and licensed roofing or gutter specialist to address the disconnected downpipe. This professional will reconnect the downpipe to ensure proper water drainage, mitigating the associated risks and preserving the integrity of the property.



### Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Pergola
Finding:	Grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is Missing or damaged. A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly recommended , as this is a regular wear and tear defect.

A sealant specialist or tiling contractor should be appointed to complete these works

as soon as possible





### Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
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 3.11**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Toilet (WC)  
Finding: Evidence of excessive moisture - Drywall  
Information: Excessive moisture is present at the time of , indicating a potential water leakage issue within the wall.

The prolonged presence of moisture can lead to mold growth, deteriorate the structure, and create an environment conducive to health hazards. Additionally, it may compromise the adhesive holding the tiles, leading to their detachment.

A licensed plumber or a qualified contractor specializing in water damage remediation should investigate the source of the moisture, fix any leaks, and address the damage. Additionally, replacing affected tiles and ensuring proper waterproofing are crucial to preventing future issues.





### Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building

Location: Dining Room

Finding: Water staining

Information: Water staining was evident in this area 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 other building elements.

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 broken or damaged structures is advised.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion. A qualified carpenter or registered builder may be appointed to perform these works.



### Finding 3.13

Building: Main Building  
Location: Foyer  
Finding: Floor Tile crack  
Information: A floor tile has a visible crack on the surface.

Risk / Implication:

The damaged tile presents a trip hazard, may lead to cuts if stepped on barefoot, and can allow moisture ingress into the substrate, which may cause further deterioration or loosening of adjacent tiles. It also affects the overall appearance of the floor.

Recommended Action / Who Can Fix It:

A licensed tiler should be engaged to remove the damaged tile and install a matching replacement. If spare tiles are unavailable, additional remedial work may be required to blend the repair with surrounding finishes.



### Finding 3.14

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom  
 Finding: Poor workmanship  
 Information: The structure exhibits signs of poor workmanship, evident in various aspects of construction and finishing.

Risk: Poor workmanship poses a range of risks, including compromised structural integrity, potential safety hazards, and a decreased lifespan of the structure. It may also lead to aesthetic and functional issues.

Resolution: A qualified contractor or construction professional should be consulted to assess and address the poor workmanship. They can implement corrective measures to ensure structural soundness, safety, and overall quality of the construction.



### Finding 3.15

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom  
 Finding: Leaking plumbing fitting  
 Information: Leaking plumbing fitting identified, posing the risk of water damage and increased water bills.

Potential structural damage, mold growth, and wastage of water resources.

Engage a licensed plumber to inspect and repair the leaking plumbing fitting, ensuring a proper seal and preventing any further water-related issues.



### Finding 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

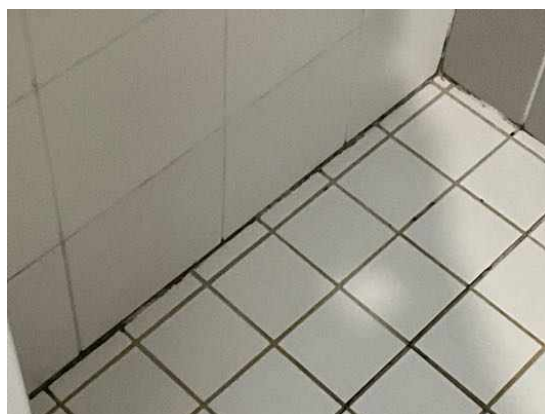
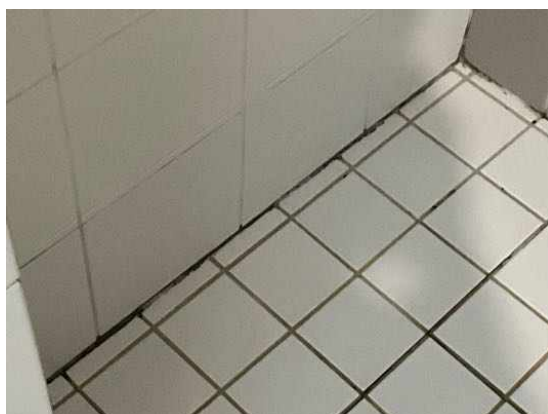
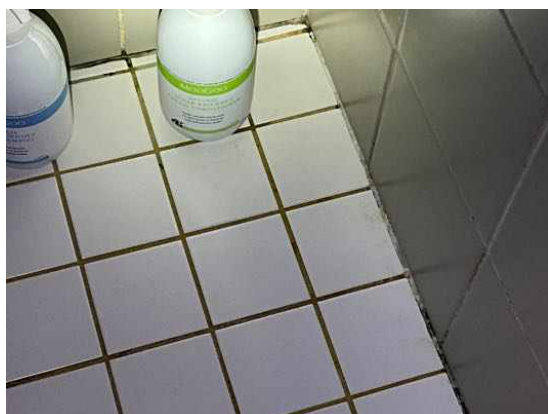
Different materials and floor areas move at different rates, generally causing cracking to grout or sealant at this point. A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

There appears to be excessive mould to the sealant and grout which will likely require scraping out and replacement.

Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly

recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of your property.

A sealant specialist or tiling contractor should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible



### Finding 3.17

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bathroom  
Finding: Shower - Damp

Information: Damp is evident to the lower 300mm of wall to the shower alcove. This defect is quite common, and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating through the grouting in this area, which shows evidence of deterioration. Leaking pipes within the adjoining wall is also a possible cause.

Damp (or structural damp) refers to the presence of unwanted moisture in the structure of a building, either as the result of intrusion from outside, or condensation from within the structure. In the shower area, internal water leaks or other sources of excessive moisture are generally the cause of damp.

Unmanaged damp in the shower recess is likely to facilitate the formation and development of mould and fungi growth, decaying associated building materials and compromising their structural integrity. It is important to address damp conditions, as the World Health Organisation notes that excess moisture leads - on almost all indoor materials - to growth of microbes such as moulds, fungi and bacteria, which subsequently emit spores and other matter into the indoor air. Exposure to these contaminants is associated with a wide range of respiratory and other health-related problems.

Consultation with a qualified plumber or bathroom specialist is advised immediately to identify the cause of damp and to perform remedial works as required. Where excessive mould growth is present, further inspection by a specialist environmental health inspector should also be considered.

Always ensure that sealant and grout is in good condition to prevent any moisture issues occurring in the future.





### Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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### Finding 3.20

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Shower base - Water pooling
Information:	Evidence of water pooling around the floor waste in the shower recess was noticed at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this excessive moisture is attributed to insufficient fall in the shower floor tiles.

This pooling is minor overall but is still considered unsatisfactory, as standard tiling practices would not permit this situation to occur. Pooling water around floor wastes can create a slip hazard in extreme cases and create conditions that are conducive to mould growth over time. Where left unmanaged, the degradation of sealant and grouting is also likely to occur, possibly necessitating further repair works.

Remedial works may involve some sections of tiling and flooring repair and replacement. A tiling contractor or bathroom specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on reparation options and to perform works as necessary.





### Finding 3.21

Building: Main Building

Location: Roof Void

Finding: Exhaust fan not vented out

Information: The exhaust fan located within the roof void is not appropriately ducted to the external atmosphere and is currently discharging moist air directly into the roof space. This is considered a defect under AS 4349.1, as it does not meet the minimum standard of residential building performance expected under normal residential building practices.

Risk Implication:

This condition may lead to excessive condensation within the roof void, increasing the risk of mould growth, deterioration of insulation, timber decay, and overall reduced durability of building elements. It may also result in poor indoor air quality, potentially affecting occupant health.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the exhaust fan be modified by a licensed HVAC contractor or qualified builder, ensuring it is properly ducted to discharge externally in accordance with manufacturer specifications, the National Construction Code (NCC), and applicable Australian Standards.





### Finding 3.22

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Sarking - Damaged
Information:	Sarking, a laminated aluminium foil applied to the interior of the roof covering, assists in insulating the property and acting as a vapour-barrier to the roof void and, subsequently, to the household.

Where sarking is damaged, both insulation and moisture protection of the property are inhibited. This creates a loss of energy and thus negatively impacts the energy efficiency of the property, allowing potential for moisture ingress from condensation or leaking roof tiles.

It is important to repair any holes or damaged sections of sarking to ensure that the building material is fully functional. A registered builder or qualified carpenter should be consulted to provide further advice on this defect and to perform rectification works at client discretion.





## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

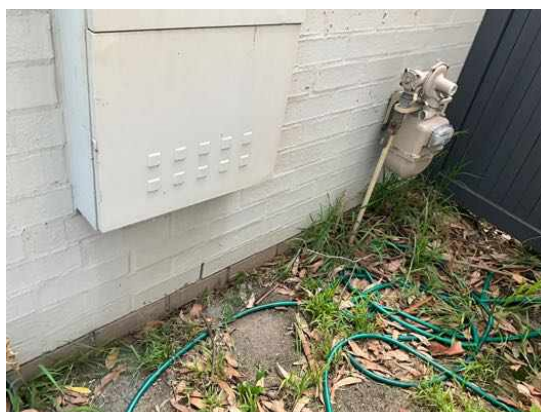
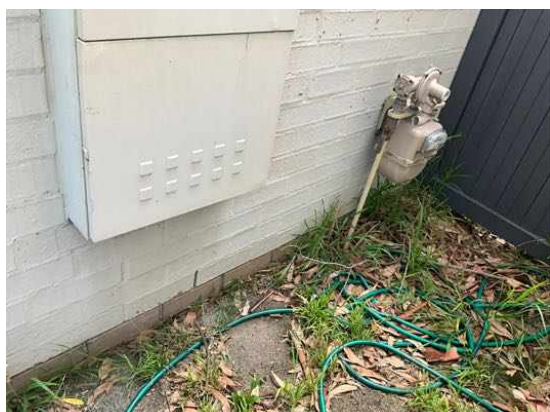
### Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Slab Edge - Exposure
Information:	An inspection zone of at least 75mm in relation to the exposed slab edge, between the bottom brick and the perimeter pavement, is required. This inspection zone should be maintained in order to force termites into the open where they can be detected more readily during regular inspections. The slab edge should not be concealed by anything that may prevent inspection of the area, including render, landscaping, soil, turf, paving, concrete cladding or other structures.

If the slab edge is not properly exposed there is a high risk of termite attack. Sometimes, in order to determine the type of slab, a suitably qualified person such as an architect or builder may be required to consult the construction plans.

Where the slab edge cannot be properly inspected, it is highly recommended that termite or timber pest inspections be carried out every 6-12 months to aid protection of the property against infestation.





### Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Front Elevation
Finding:	Aircon - Excessive moisture conducive condition near Air-conditioner
Information:	Excessive moisture near an air conditioner can indeed create conducive conditions for termites. Termites are attracted to damp and decaying wood, which can be found in areas with high moisture levels. To fix this issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fix Leaks: Check for any leaks or condensation around your air conditioning unit. Repair any damaged pipes, drains, or insulation that may be causing moisture buildup.</li> </ul>

2. Proper Drainage: Ensure that your air conditioner has proper drainage. Make sure the condensate drain line is clear and directed

away from your home's foundation.

3. Ventilation: Improve ventilation around the unit. Ensure that the area is well-ventilated to reduce humidity levels.

4. Regular Maintenance: Schedule regular maintenance for your air conditioning system. This can help prevent leaks and ensure

it's working efficiently, reducing the chance of moisture.

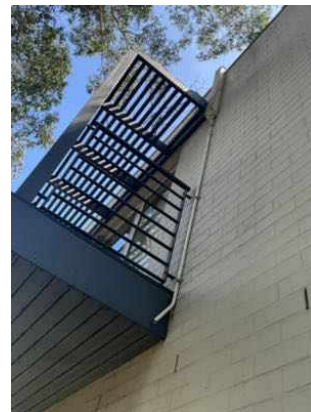
5. Please consult a HVAC Technician: HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) technicians are trained to diagnose and

repair a wide range of air conditioning problems. They can handle issues with the cooling system, refrigerant, electrical components, and more.

6. Consult an appropriate and Qualified Professional: For severe moisture issues or persistent termite problems, consult with a

pest control professional who can provide targeted solutions.

By addressing these issues, you can reduce the moisture levels around your air conditioner and minimize the attractiveness of the area to termites.



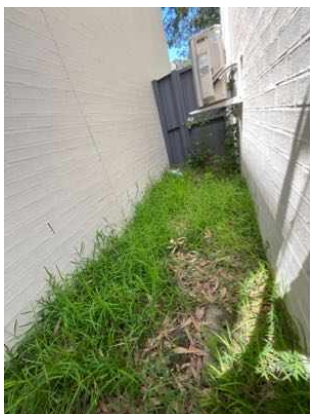
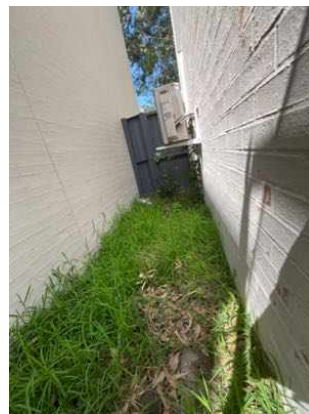


**Finding 6.03**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation  
Information: The presence of dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation, as it provides a conducive environment for them. To address this, consider maintaining a clear space between the vegetation and your home. If you suspect a termite issue, it's advisable to consult with a licensed pest control professional for inspection and treatment.



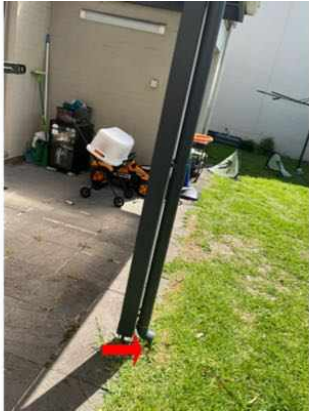




### Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Pergola
Finding:	Downpipes not connected- Conducive conditions for timber pest
Information:	<p>Unconnected downpipes can indeed pose a risk for attracting termites, as they provide a source of moisture near a building's foundation. Termites are attracted to moisture and wood, so it's important to address this issue to prevent potential infestations. Connecting downpipes to the stormwater system or ensuring proper drainage away from the building can help mitigate this a licensed plumber is the most qualified professional to handle plumbing-related tasks, including connecting downpipes to the stormwater system. They have the necessary expertise and tools to ensure proper installation.</p>

Please remember that proper installation is essential to ensure effective drainage and prevent future issues, so it's often best to hire a qualified professional, especially for complex or extensive downpipe installations.



### Finding 6.05

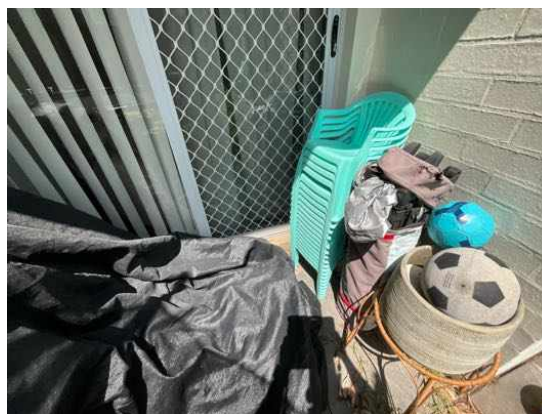
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Bridging or Obstruction Conducive environment for Termites
Information:	Bridging of termite barriers occurs when termites bridge (usually by building a mud tunnel) a termite barrier or inspection inspection zone or where termites have a passage, allowing them to bridge the barrier.

Shed, Garden Beds and Timber in direct contact with ground may obstruct a clear visual inspection to the walls and weep holes in this area.

Where bridging has occurred full inspection is prevented and termites may enter a property in a concealed or undetected manner.

Recommended moving obstructions away from the external walls for further and future inspections.





### Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	HWS not connected - conducive conditions for timber pest attacks
Information:	The hot water system (HWS) is not connected, leaving exposed pipes and creating conducive conditions for timber pest attacks.

**Risk of Timber Pest Attack:** The risk of timber pest attack is heightened when the hot water system is not connected. Exposed pipes provide easy access points for timber pests like termites and ants to infiltrate the building structure. These pests are attracted to moisture, and the absence of flowing water through the system can lead to moisture buildup, creating an ideal environment for pests to thrive and cause damage to timber components within the building.

A licensed plumber or qualified plumbing technician should be engaged to reconnect the hot water system. They will assess the existing plumbing infrastructure, determine the appropriate connection points, and ensure proper installation and functionality of the HWS. Additionally, they may inspect for any signs of timber pest activity and recommend preventive measures, such as installing physical barriers or implementing moisture control measures, to deter pest infestations and protect the building from damage. Regular maintenance and inspections by homeowners or property managers are also essential to detect and address potential issues before they escalate.



## Finding 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	No Drain under tap
Information:	There is no drain installed under the tap, leading to water accumulation and creating conducive conditions for timber pests. This defect needs immediate attention to prevent potential damage and pest infestation.

### Risk:

1. Water Accumulation: Without proper drainage, water can accumulate around the base of the tap, leading to persistent dampness in the surrounding area.
2. Timber Pest Infestation: The damp environment created by standing water is highly conducive to timber pests, such as termites and wood borers, which thrive in moist conditions and can cause significant damage to wooden structures.
3. Structural Damage: Prolonged exposure to moisture can lead to wood rot and deterioration of structural timber, compromising the integrity of the building.
4. Health Hazards: Persistent dampness can also promote mold and mildew growth, posing health risks to occupants.
5. Aesthetic Damage: Water stains and damage to finishes and materials around the tap area can detract from the appearance of the building and lead to costly repairs.

### Who Can Fix It:

A licensed plumber or a qualified building contractor can address this defect by:

1. Assessment: Evaluating the area to determine the best approach for installing a proper drainage system under the tap.
2. Installation: Installing a drain that effectively channels water away from the base of the tap, preventing water accumulation and dampness.

3. Repair and Prevention: Inspecting and repairing any existing water damage and implementing measures to prevent future water accumulation and pest infestations.

By addressing this issue promptly, you can mitigate the risks associated with water accumulation and timber pest infestation, ensuring the longevity and safety of the building.



**Finding 6.08**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Timber on ground / conducive conditions to termite damage  
Information: Timber on the ground is indeed conducive to termite damage. Termites are known to thrive in moist environments, and wood in contact with soil or moisture is more susceptible to infestation.

To prevent this, it's important to keep timber elevated and away from direct ground contact. Regular inspections and proper termite control measures are also essential to protect your wooden structures from termite damage.





### Finding 6.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Toilet (WC)
Finding:	Excessive moisture - Conducive to Timber pest
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 6.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Excessive moisture - Conducive to Timber pest
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.

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**Finding 6.11**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Ensuite  
Finding: Excessive moisture - Conducive to Timber pest  
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.





## Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

### Finding 7.01

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

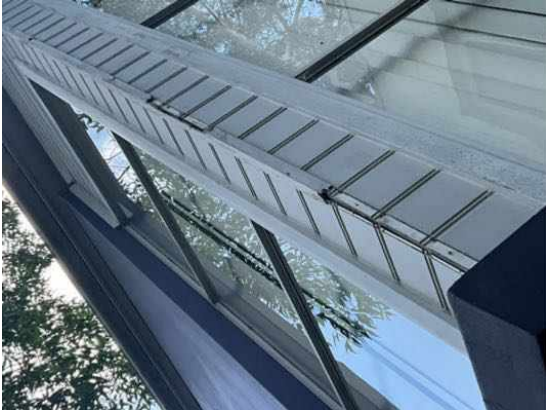
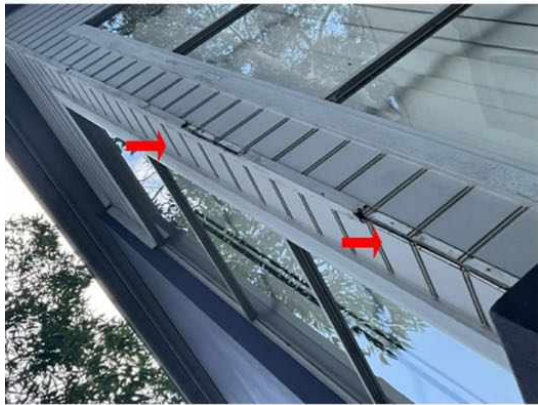
Finding: Wood rot

Information: This building element 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.

Wood rot is often associated with general damp problems and is evidenced by a 'musty' smell or mould and mildew occurring on surfaces. If left unmanaged, damp conditions can lead to further health problems and the decay of timbers will continue.

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.

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.



## **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

- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Licensed Plumber
- Registered Roofing Contractor
- Registered/Licensed Builder
- 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](http://www.jims.net).

### D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- Building Inspection Conclusion

A Building and Timber pest inspection was carried out on this property. A durable notice placed in the switchboard unit to indicate termite barriers at the time of inspection.

Client must seek further information from the vendor or real estate agent if the conditions of termite management systems were maintained as per the label or seek advise from licensed pest controller.

Conducive conditions were observed which are noted in the body of the report.

The following recommendations are always strongly advised to minimise creating an environment which is conducive to timber pest infestation:

1. Maintain visual pest inspections every six to twelve months
2. Ensure that AC and HWS overflows are connected to a nearby down pipes and drain points if applicable
3. Ensure that if there any tree stumps in the immediate area that they are treated with an approved termiticide and certified by a licensed pest technician
4. Ensure that any loose timbers, timbers or stored items in ground contact in the subfloor (applicable) and around the dwelling perimeter are removed to prevent potential timber pest infestation
5. Ensure that areas of ground damp are further investigated and treated by a licensed plumber or

damp proof specialist as well as addressing areas of subfloor ventilation inadequacy.

The application of a post construction chemical or physical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties and is always good building practice. Where a slab on ground type construction is evident a 75mm perimeter visual barrier is required to be maintained to ensure effective prevention of termite infestation and concealed entry points. If this visual barrier is not obtainable we strongly recommend a more invasive follow up termite inspection to completely rule out termite or timber pest presence in the dwelling.

Termite barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property. A durable notice should always be placed in the meter box to clearly show the treatment method used and on what date and maintained there with.

It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every six to twelve months. Regular inspections DO NOT stop timber pest attack but are designed to limit the amount of damage that may occur by detecting problems early.

Compared to other buildings of a similar age, brick veneer / clad dwelling at the time of inspection was found to be in a fair condition with some Major and minor defects as highlighted in the report.

Significant items have been identified. These have been noted in the body of the report and will require relevant professional services to be engaged immediately to clarify further works.

Additionally, while some maintenance items may currently appear minor, they have the potential to escalate into major issues if left unaddressed.

Several limitations and obstructions impeded the inspection and, if at all feasible, should be removed, and a further inspection should be performed. Indicative images below depict some of the obstructions encountered.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Adam Ahmed on: 0450 250 739

## Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

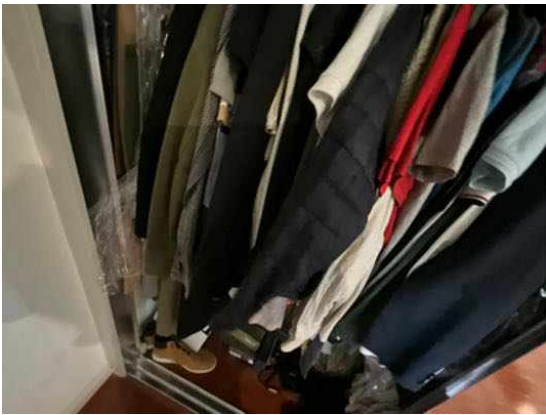
### Noted Item

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.

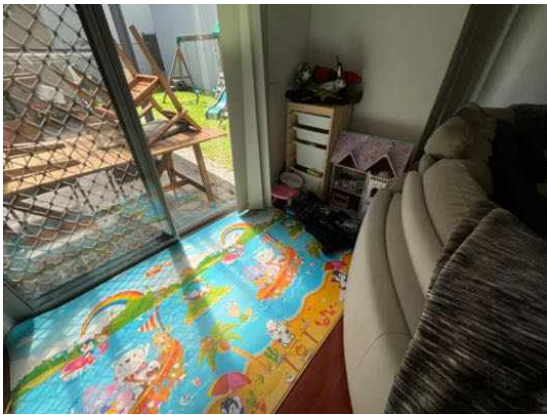
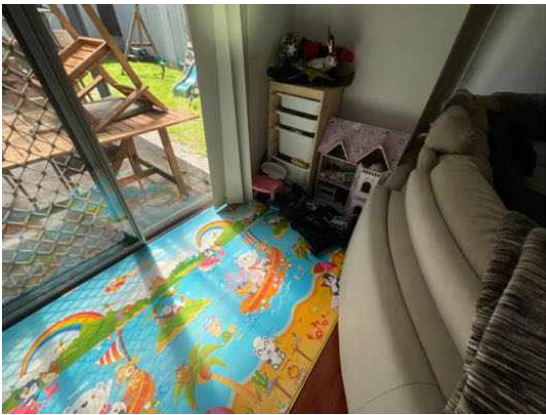


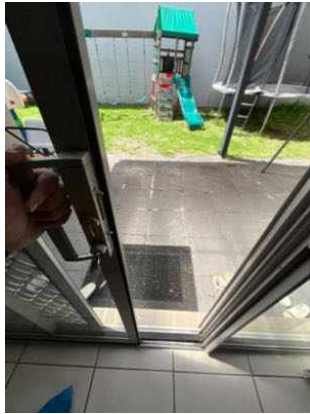


















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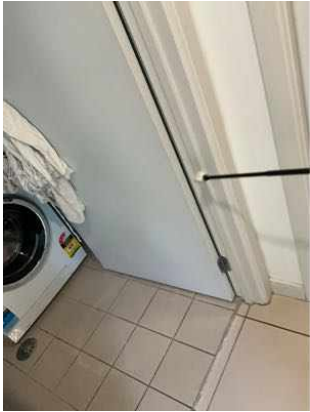
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Location: All Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference















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

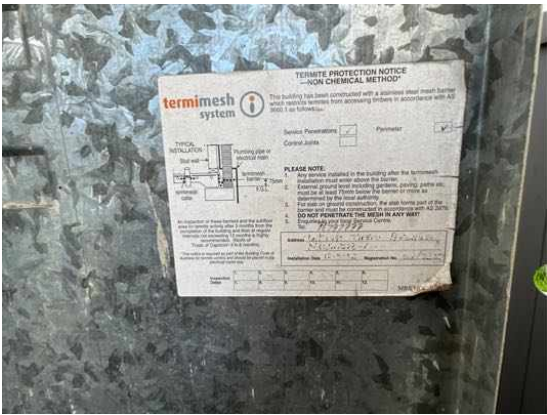
**Noted Item**

- Building: Main Building
- Location: Exterior walls - right side
- Finding: Evidence of Termite Management System - Durable notice / Legible Sticker - seek further information
- Information: The application of a pre & post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice placed in the switchboard unit to indicate termite barriers at the time of inspection.

Client must seek further information from the vendor or real estate agent if the conditions of termite management systems were maintained as per the label or seek advise from licensed pest controller.





## 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 cm <sup>2</sup> (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (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.