



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 4 Mar 2026

Property Address: 6 Hughes Ave, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia



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

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## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

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The following apply: 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: At the time of inspection the DEGREE OF RISK OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITE INFESTATION to the overall property was considered to be moderate to High.

Please be aware that limitations did affect the inspection with inaccessible areas, insulation and stored items meant a complete inspection of the roof space and was not possible. Obstructions such as furniture, stored items and vegetation meant that some areas could not be fully inspected.

NOTE: Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected

timber pest or termite activity and/or damage. The client is strongly advised to make arrangements to access inaccessible areas urgently.

It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every 12 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.

Note: The report must be read in its entirety and do not rely solely on the summary.

PLEASE READ ALL DEFECTS IN FULL

THIS REPORT IS SUBJECT TO THE PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS WITHIN THIS REPORT.

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THIS REPORT WILL FOCUS ON TIMBER PESTS, SAFETY ISSUES AND MAJOR DEFECTS MAINLY. VERY MINOR DEFECTS HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED WITH ARROWS AND CAN BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH THE INSPECTOR. THE REPORT WILL NOT PROVIDE COSTINGS FOR REPAIRS ETC AS THIS IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT AND AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS AS4349.1 (2.3.1). A SEPERATE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED IN RELATION TO COST OF REPAIRS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THE REPORT IN FULL. THE CONCLUSION IS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.

## 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 good condition for its age generally with safety hazards, minor defects and recommendations.

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Detached
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	West
Other Building Elements	Footpath, Garage, Pergola, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Porch, Pool, Shed
Other Timber Bldg Elements	External Joinery, Fascias, Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Porch / Patio, Skirting Boards, Architraves, Eaves, Doors, Veranda Posts, Window Frames
Roof	Tiled, Timber Framed, Flat, Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond), Coated Metal, Pitched
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
Weather	Fine

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Outbuildings
- Landscaping Timbers
- Interior
- Gardens
- Fencing
- Exterior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part
- Stumps
- The Site
- Trees
- Wall Exterior
- Posts

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:

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Locked Sheds or Outbuildings.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.
- 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:

- Decking
- Chimney vents and flues
- Ceiling linings
- 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.
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Appliances and equipment
- Above safe working height
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Lack of suitable access or entry point
- Evidence of recent renovation may obscure, temporarily lower or reduce the overall levels of contaminant detected.
- Overhanging vegetation
- Subfloor was obscured due to poor clearance and obstructions. Less than 50% of the inspectable area was accessible.
- Stored items
- Vegetation
- Wall linings

- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings
- Webbing of roof trusses - not trafficable

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

### Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

### Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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

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

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

No evidence was found

### Major Defect

#### Finding 2.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: Alfresco roof  
Finding: Flashing defective -poor installation  
Information: Areas of flashing for for the colour bond roof or step flashings have been identified which are missing weathering folds anti-capillary breaks and sealing were identified.

Hence the water has penetrated into the timber sheet roof at the bottom of the alfresco.

Please consult a licensed roofer to inspect and remedy the situation.





## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Driveway  
 Finding: Crack in concrete slab - Category 1  
 Information: A crack coded as Category 1 was identified in the slab. A Category 1 crack is described as a fine but noticeable crack, with the slab at an otherwise reasonable level.

To be considered Category 1, the approximate width of the crack is less than 1.0mm, or a less than 10mm change in offset when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

Category 1 cracks should be monitored for a period of 12 months. At the end of the monitoring period, identified cracks that are rated greater than Category 2 are considered defects, and require rectification.





### Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Gutters - Water pooling
Information:	Water pooling happens in sections of the roof guttering and floor guttering too.. This is generally a secondary defect caused by blocked or partially blocked gutters. Such blockages and subsequent water pooling are likely to lead to rust and water damage to associated structures if left unattended.

Any areas of guttering that shows evidence of water pooling should be checked for partial or full blockages and any secondary damage that may have occurred as a result. Depending on the extent of the damage, building elements may require repair and/or replacement to ensure adequate roof drainage and function of exterior plumbing system.

The Gutter running at the back of the house roofline was not connected to a downpipe or a continues gutter from the colourbond roof. Hence water pouring from the gutter - show evidence.

A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to rectify this issue. It is highly advised that all gutters be maintained on a frequent basis to ensure the condition of roof plumbing.



## 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:	Electrical Switchboard
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation no Durable Notice
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite

barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.



### Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Studio/ storage  
 Finding: Stored items/ furniture - Limits Inspection  
 Information: There are stored items too close to the external walls and throughout cupboards and other items in the toilet/bathroom area and this limits the ability to inspect further

As at the time of inspection the photos are attached.

Request you to remove hindered items and clear the inspectable area as required. If needed another inspection may be scheduled.







### Finding 6.03

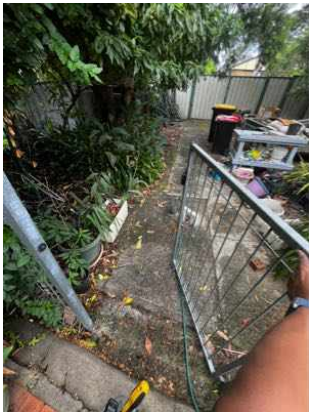
Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Limited Inspection Area - Alfresco area, Steps, Part Pool area, split level at the back of the property.  
 Information: There is limited to no access near the alfresco area, storage area and Pool area at the time of inspection and Part of the Left side of the house.

The risk of termite activity may be present. As they are likely to come into contact with weather conditions or excessive moisture wood rot is likely to develop on timbers that are not treated.

It is highly recommended that any stored timbers be immediately removed from areas in which they may attract any termite / timber pest attack. Minimisation of risk / prevention of termite attack is far more adequate than dealing with the presence of termite activity.

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.

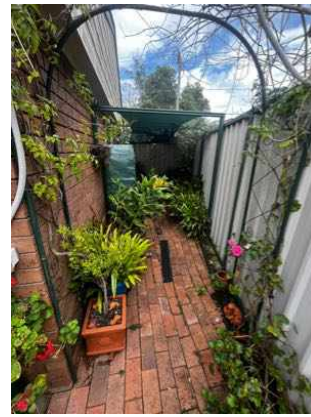










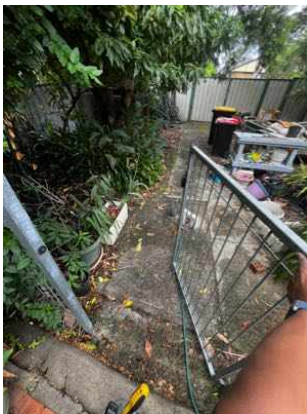


### Finding 6.04

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Large Trees/ Stumps within 30 meters of the house  
 Information: There are a number of large trees/ stumps within 30meters of the house which may contain natural termite activity. It is important to monitor these areas to ensure no natural activity is allowed to progress into the main house.

Regular inspections are recommended. Consider test drilling Trees.

A pest controller can be contacted to carry out such testing at owners discretion.



**Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

**Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- Licensed Electrician
- Licensed Plumber
- Registered Roofing Contractor
- 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

- - The house is in Good condition when compared to houses of a similar age.

In general all wall and ceiling linings were in good condition.

The kitchen condition overall. Refer to Statement

The Bathrooms were Condition Refer to Statement.

There are minor defects pointed out in the defect statement kindly refer.

The purchaser should ensure all extensions and additions are council approved.

The Gutter needs cleaning and fixing.

Water pressure appears to be normal, however, this is not an opinion of a licensed plumber.

The HWS was working at the time of inspection. However this is not the opinion of the Licensed Plumber. Kindly check for advice.

Further inspection of electrical appliances, plumbing and the air conditioner is advised as reporting on these items is outside the scope of this report.

Minor defects were Noted during Inspection ( Refer Defect Statement)

The report must be read as a whole to fully appreciate the scope of works required to rectify and ensure the long term structural stability and longevity of the building.

Access into the roof space was limited however the photos have been attached for your information.

Access to the subfloor area was also limited but have explained in detail in the report.

Many minor defects can be rectified and then maintained in the future.

General ongoing maintenance is key in reducing further minor issues which if left to deteriorate further can potentially lead to major ongoing issues.

The purchaser may wish to engage further plumbing, drainage and electrical inspections to ensure these services are fully functional as these areas are outside the scope of this report.

There was NO EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS TERMITE ACTIVITY in the house. There is however a number of conducive issues and concerns that will require rectification to ensure no termite activity or hidden entry can go unnoticed.

A thermal imaging inspection was carried out throughout the interior of the house using a Flir MR 277 thermal camera. No thermal anomalies were noted that would be consistent with any current termite activity.

\*THERE IS NO CURRENT DURABLE NOTICE - FOUND

\*All stored timber must be removed.

\*Any in ground contact should be removed.

\*Overflows should be plumbed to drainage.

\*Be aware that stored items and insulation can limit the inspectable areas and may hide defects.

\*Further invasive inspections are always recommended in any areas of concern.

I highly recommend an approved barrier treatment be installed. It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every 12 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.

Please be aware that the absence of visual termite activity does not exclude termites from being hidden on the property. Regular inspections and rectification of all conducive conditions is recommended.

A Pre Purchase inspection report is by its very nature may be negative, as its role is to identify the defects in the property. The reader should consider the positive aspects of the property in their final decision making. Not all the positive aspects will be highlighted in this report.

Please Note: This is a general appraisal only and cannot be relied on its own - read the report in its entirety.

The purpose of this inspection is to provide advice to the Client regarding the condition of the property

at the time of the inspection. This inspection is a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and to form an opinion regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

This Summary is supplied to allow a quick and superficial overview of the inspection results. This Summary is NOT the Report and cannot be relied upon on its own. This Summary must be read in conjunction with the full report and not in isolation from the report. If there should happen to be any discrepancy between anything in the Report and anything in this Summary, the information in the Report shall override that in this Summary.

A Building Inspection to AS4349.1-2007 "Appendix C" is not intended as a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any act, regulation, ordinance, or by-law or as a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the building in the future.

Estimating the cost of defects is not included in the Building Inspection Report AS4349.1-2007 "Appendix C" although it may form part of a special-purpose property report.

Most properties will have minor defects such as blemishes, corrosion, cracking, weathering, general deterioration and unevenness and physical damage to materials and finishes. If you want the consultant to report on minor defects and imperfections you will need to ask for a 'Special-Purpose Building Report'

Nearly all properties have minor faults or defects. Faults or defects do not necessarily mean the property should not be purchased. Often many such faults or defects are obvious to you or may be reflected in the selling price.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Amar Narayanan on 0468472460.

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## Section E Attachments and Further Comments

- Defects Report

## Section D Significant Items

### The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard  
 Finding: Hot Water Unit  
 Information: The HWS appeared to be working in good condition during the inspection.

Water pressure appears to be normal, however, this is not an opinion of a licensed plumber.



#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard  
 Finding: Perimeter Fencing - Timber fence/ Colourbond Fence  
 Information: For your information photos taken at the time of inspection - During the inspection the Colourbond fence was inspected and found minor defects/ dents, deterioration but the fence at the back of the property Timber fence inspected.

Please appoint a fence installer to inspect and rectify the same at buyers convenience.



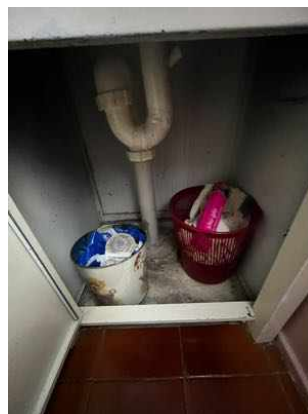
### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Cabinetry Plumbing - Kitchen/ Pantry cum Laundry  
 Information: Upon Inspection of the Kitchen and the Pantry/ Laundry and BBQ Kitchen all cupboards where sinks and basins with drainage plumbing were inspected and no evidence of leaks were present at the time of inspection.

If damp or wet conditions do occur there are many consequences including the development of fungal decay and/or wood rot, swelling or water damage to building materials.

For your information only no remedial works are required at the time of inspection.

NOTE: Please be aware that although cupboards have had a thorough inspection, obstructions in cupboards may conceal potential water damage, prevent a full inspection and conditions can change after the initial inspection was carried out, therefore damage may be found after obstructions are removed.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - Roof space

Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the Roof Space/Void at the time of inspection such as Stored items, Skylight tubes, Electrical wires , insulation and cross beams, rafters, low clearance as of the pitch in the roof.

Signs or Rust in the roofing sheets are visible during inspection. For a longevity of the structure and the property the buyer can consider replacing the rusted sheets if preferred.

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.

Photos are attached up to where access was possible.













Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Internal Areas  
 Finding: Smoke Detector and Alarms  
 Information: Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices.

Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building.

Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

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



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Kitchen/ Laundry Bathroom  
 Finding: Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc  
 Information: Plumbing and electrical inspections are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Trades person.

It is highly recommended that the client makes immediate arrangements to have the gas appliances checked by a licensed gas plumber to ensure that the appliances are working safely and efficiently.

We recommend all other installations be checked also.

Whilst we note and comment of visually apparent defects that present during the

building inspection, legislation requires the checking and documenting of compliance for plumbing and electrical requirements be done by licensed electrician and plumbers respectively to ensure they are functioning correctly.





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Exterior  
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.  
  
Consult a roofer if assistance required.



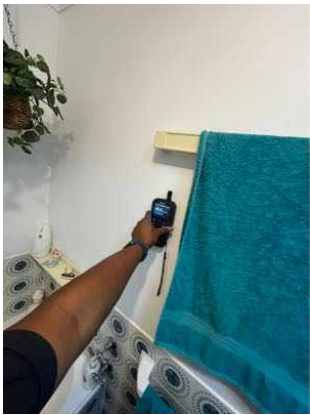




Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bathroom  
Finding: For information only  
Information: A Cluster of Photos taken at the time of inspection.







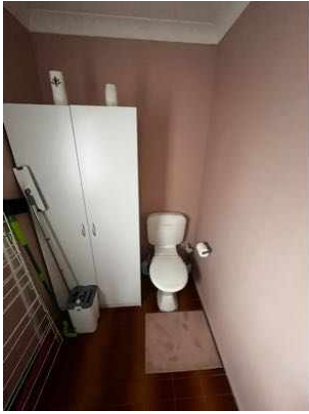
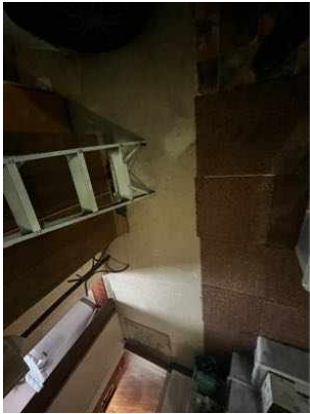
**Noted Item**

Building: Studio  
 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 inside the studio.

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.













## 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.