



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 10 Mar 2026

Property Address: 4/4 Truman St, South Kingsville VIC 3015,  
Australia



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

Original Inspection Date: Tue, 10 Mar 2026

## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

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

The following apply: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

|  | Found | Not Found |
|--|-------|-----------|
| <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 Very good

### 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, Townhouse, Terraced  |
| Company or Strata title    | Yes   |
| Floor                      | Concrete, Slab - Waffle Pod or Waffle Slab  |
| Furnished                  | Furnished   |
| No. of bedrooms            | 2   |
| Occupied                   | Occupied  |
| Orientation                | South   |
| Other Building Elements    | Fence - Perforated Materials / Wire Mesh, Driveway, Footpath, Garage, Party Walls, Porch  |
| Other Timber Bldg Elements | Architraves, Deck, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Porch / Patio, Skirting Boards, Staircase, Stair Railing, Floating Floor, Veranda Posts, Window Frames |
| Roof                       | Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond), Timber Framed, Pitched   |
| Storeys                    | Double  |
| Walls                      | Brick Veneer (Timber Framed), Rendered  |
| Weather                    | Fine  |

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Fencing
- Gardens
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part
- Trees
- Wall Exterior
- Interior
- 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:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Outside of the fencing.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.
- 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
- 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
- Decking
- Duct work
- External concrete or paving
- Vegetation
- Vegetation obscured up to 50% of the area for inspection.
- Vegetation obscured up to 75% of the area for inspection.
- Wall linings
- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 75% of every room.
- Stored items
- Sarking
- Rugs
- Porch
- Patio
- Overhanging vegetation
- Insulation

- Furniture
- Floor coverings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Fixed ceilings
- Landscaping

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

### Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

### Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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

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

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

#### Finding 1.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Insulation - Covering downlights  
Information: Sections of insulation in the roof void have been poorly installed or moved from their original position and are covering down light fittings. While the down lights have been fitted with appropriate protective covers, the presence of this insulation creates a potential fire hazard.

Any insulation within the vicinity of down light fixtures should be moved and re-applied to more appropriate sections of the roof void, thus ensuring the area is fire-safe. An insulation contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform any necessary works as required.



### Major Defect

No evidence was found

## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Building:    | Main Building   |
| Location:    | All Internal Areas  |
| Finding:     | Minor holes to plaster walls  |
| Information: | It was observed at the time of the inspection that there were several minor holes in the plaster walls. It is suspected that the holes are present as a result of building elements being fixed to the walls and removed. |

Although this is an aesthetic defect it can detract from the overall appearance of the building.

A qualified painter should be engaged to review at owners discretion



### Finding 3.02

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Building:    | Main Building  |
| Location:    | Living Room  |
| Finding:     | Door - Binding/jamming   |
| Information: | Binding and/or jamming of this laundry cupboard door is evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected door as well as creating |

potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering.

A door that binds to flooring or to the associated door frame may have several causes, ranging from minor defects, such as poor installation of the door or deteriorated hinges, through to major structural issues, such as damage to subfloor structures.

Where door binding/jamming appears to indicate major structural issues, a registered builder specialising in re-stumping should be appointed to provide an estimate on the cost of rectification.

For minor causes, a qualified carpenter or general handyperson should be appointed to perform minor rectification works at client discretion.



### Finding 3.03

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Building:    | Main Building  |
| Location:    | Master bedroom and Bedroom 2   |
| Finding:     | Door handle - Not latching   |
| Information: | It was noted that the door to bed 2 was not latching during operation at the time of inspection. Whilst detracting from the functionality of this building element, this minor defect may also be a security risk, and may therefore have serious implications if left unattended. |

It is suspected that this defect has occurred due to minor issues with the associated hinges. Such damage is identified as general wear and tear, which is expected for building elements of this age.

A qualified carpenter or general handyperson may be appointed to perform rectification works as necessary, at client discretion. If left unattended, further functional impairment is likely to occur.



**Finding 3.04**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Garage  
Finding: Door seal damaged  
Information: Was noted at the time of the inspection that the thermal seal to the bottom of the garage/entry pedestrian door was damaged.

Unattended to the door seal could allow the ingress and egress of cold air into the building. This will reduce the thermal efficiency of the building.

A general handyman should be engaged to review of their owners discretion.



### Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Garage  
 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 3.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Downpipes PVC not painted NH  
 Information: It was observed that all PVC downpipes were not UV protected with suitable paint.

The downpipes should be painted with a suitable paint to protect against UV damage to protect against UV damage.

UV damage will cause the downpipes to become brittle and prematurely deteriorate the PVC.

The PVC downpipes should be painted by a general handyman at the owners discretion



### Finding 3.07

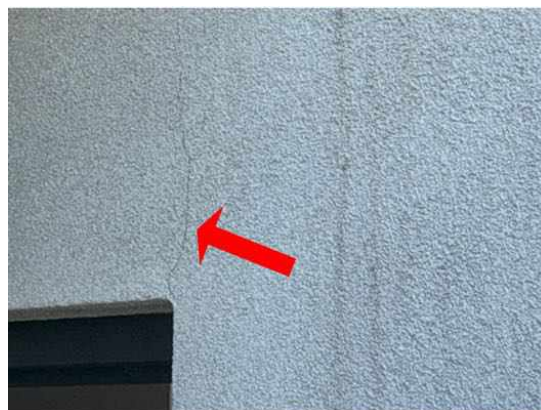
Building: Main Building

Location: Entry

Finding: Cracks to internal render - Category 0

Information: It has been observed that cracking to internal rendered surfaces has occurred. The degree of damage falls within Category 0, and is described as hairline cracking, which is less than 0.1mm in width. Damage of this category is not considered a defect for rectification.

No rectification is required at this time. Always contact your building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



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

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management

system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

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



## Finding 6.02

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Building:    | Main Building   |
| Location:    | All External Areas  |
| Finding:     | Trees/large/termite   |
| Information: | It was observed that there were several large trees next to or nearby the building. |

The trees have the potential to provide conducive conditions for termite infestation

It is recommended that periodic 12 monthly inspections by a registered pest control contractor be undertaken and further reinstatement of outdated termite barriers as soon as possible.



### Finding 6.03

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Building:    | Main Building  |
| Location:    | All External Areas   |
| Finding:     | Bridging - Vegetation  |
| Information: | Where vegetation obstructs inspection of building elements, also known as bridging as it provides a bridging point for the access of termites, full inspection can not be achieved. Consequently moisture or dampness may be present and the areas becomes conducive to termite activity. Plants against or very close to buildings provide cover, shade and can provide an environment that is attractive to termite infestation. |

The removal and replanting of species that do not provide "cover" or cutting back of existing vegetation will assist greatly in preventing Bridging from occurring.

The removal of any such materials that may be conducive to termite activity should be carried out as soon as possible and arrange re inspection to minimize the risk of termite attack.



**Finding 6.04**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Garden Beds - Conditions Conducive to Termites  
 Information: Garden beds were found to be evident in the garden area. These garden beds can include untreated timber, and with a combination of moisture from watering hosing can make conditions conducive to termite activity and termite ingress.



**Finding 6.05**

Building: Main Building

Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Bridging or breaching of termite barriers - adjacent internal flooring  
 Information: Bridging is the spanning of a termite barrier or inspection zone so that subterranean termites are provided with passage over or around that barrier.

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

It is important for internal flooring to be raised above adjacent external ground levels. Where external ground levels are above internal flooring water pooling and subsequent internal flooding is likely to occur which may attract termite activity to the internal area.

It is highly advised that a landscaper or paver be appointed to lower external grounds that are raised above adjacent internal flooring. Alternatively if external grounds and internal flooring is level installation of a raised door sill may be appropriate in preventing any water pooling in the area.



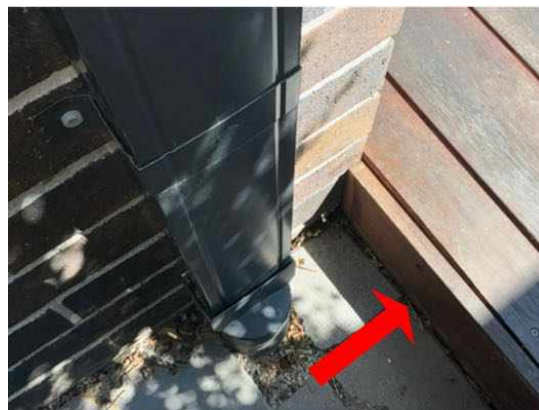
### Finding 6.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Untreated or non-durable timbers in a hazardous environment  
 Information: To reduce the risk of timber pest attack it is essential that timber used in a hazardous

environment (e.g. in direct contact with the ground or frequently exposed to damp conditions) is of sufficient durability and/or is adequately preservative treated.

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

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



### **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

- 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:

Compared to other buildings of a similar age, this brick clad dwelling at the time of inspection was found to be in a very good condition. Significant items have been identified. These have been noted in the body of the report and will require addressing. General wear is also evident throughout the property.

There is one Safety Hazards observed on the property.

1/ Insulation covering downlights in roof void

There were no Major Defects observed on the property.

Maintenance work items and minor defects needing attention may be performed at the clients discretion. Works should not be neglected as further deterioration may occur. General maintenance to the property such as gutters being cleaned, wet area's kept sealed and exterior timbers kept painted would help with any further deterioration to these elements.

A residual current device was in place (safety switch) for electrical power.

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Timber Pest:

The accessible areas of the building were inspected for timber pest activity using sounding techniques, moisture meter. Termite activity (past or active) is likely on the property, and this damage may be concealed.

The provision of a termite management system to prevent termite attack is highly recommended for all properties. The client may consider gaining further advice from a licensed Timber Pest Technician as to the costs and procedures involved with this application.

Evidence of a previous Termite Management plan was NOT noted.

No observable evidence of termite activity was found in the accessible areas at this time.

No evidence of borer damage was found in the accessible areas at the time of inspection.

Some areas, as noted in the report, were found to be conducive to termite activity. These items should be addressed as best as possible to prevent any potential Termite activity.

Fungal decay was not evident at the time of inspection.

Inspection over the eaves and low areas to the perimeter of the building was restricted due to the low

pitch and method of construction allowing only a limited visual inspection from a distance. Defects and/or timber pest may be present and not detected.

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.

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#### NOTED ITEMS

1. Once I have left the property, my report is outdated.

2. Any Minor defect could become a Major Defect if left unattended. A maintenance plan should be put in place once the clients take possession of the property.

These are just some examples

- Blocked Gutters
- Cracked/Weathered Roof Tiles
- Signs of previous leaks

3. Due to lack of clearance, pipes, ducts, debris a full inspection of the subfloor could not be done, so the condition of some areas are unknown.

4. Due to lack of clearance, insulation, ducts, heating unit, roof frame and pipes, a full inspection of the roof void could not be done so the condition of some areas is unknown.

5. All electrical and plumbing of the property, should be inspected by a licensed electrician and plumber. This will include all appliances and plumbing and electrical components of the property to make sure they are working in a safe and compliant manner.

6. It's highly advised that all trades and consultants listed in the report should be contacted as soon as possible for a further more invasive inspection and quotes on rectification works prior to contracts becoming binding.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Cliff Hall 0417855535

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**Section E Attachments and Further Comments**

- Terms and Conditions

### Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

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









**Noted Item**

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













## Definitions to help you better understand this report

|  |  |
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| 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   |

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|  | 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.