



Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 18 Mar 2026

Property Address: 5/45 Kirkham Rd, Auburn NSW 2144,
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.

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The Parties

Name of the Client:

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Client's Email Address:

Client's Phone Number:

Consultant:

Company Name:

Company Address and Postcode:

Company Email:

Company Contact Numbers:

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:

- Inspection Type & Standard: This is a combined building and timber pest (termite) inspection completed in general accordance with AS 4349.1 and AS 4349.3, limited to the agreed scope and the level of access available at the time of inspection.

- **Visual & Non-Invasive Assessment Only:** The inspection is visual and non-invasive. No destructive testing was undertaken and no finishes were removed. Concealed areas (behind linings, tiles, waterproof membranes, insulation/sarking, fixed cabinetry, and services) are outside the scope.
- **Accessible Areas Only:** The inspection was limited to areas reasonably accessible at the time. Stored items, furniture, locked areas, height restrictions, tight subfloor/roof clearances, vegetation, and safety hazards may restrict inspection and reduce the ability to detect defects or timber pest activity.
- **Townhouse/Unit Strata Scope (Lot vs Common Property):** This inspection primarily relates to the private lot (the townhouse/Unit) and any areas inspected that were accessible at the time. Items that are often common property (or subject to strata responsibility) may include elements such as roofs, external walls/cladding, balconies, slab edges, retaining walls, perimeter drainage, shared services, fencing, driveways and common walkways—however classification varies by strata plan. The buyer should confirm lot boundaries and responsibilities via the strata plan and strata records.
- **Common Property Inspection Limitations:** Common property areas were inspected as far as was reasonably accessible; however, they are not assessed to the same extent as the private lot and may be outside the contracted scope. Any photographs or references to common areas are provided as supporting information only.
- **Strata Records & Strata Report:** The buyer is strongly advised to obtain and review the strata report/records provided by the strata manager (and/or Owners Corporation) and read them in conjunction with this inspection report. Strata records may contain important information relating to building defects, waterproofing history, repairs, maintenance, capital works, insurance matters, special levies, disputes/claims, and contractor reports.
- **Termite Management Plan (Strata Responsibility):** Where the property forms part of a strata scheme, the termite management plan for common property areas (including inspections, treatments, barriers, and ongoing maintenance) is typically the responsibility of the Owners Corporation/strata management, subject to the strata plan and by-laws. The buyer should confirm the current termite management arrangements, treatment history, and any warranties/certificates via the strata manager's records.
- **Roof, Roof Void & External Areas:** Roof covering condition, flashings, gutters and downpipes are assessed from ground level and accessible points only. Roof void access may be restricted by entry size, insulation/sarking, obstructions, or safety hazards. Where access is limited, assessment is based on visible components only.
- **Subfloor / Underfloor Areas:** Subfloor access depends on safe entry and clearance. Dampness, poor ventilation, low clearance, stored items, debris, vermin, or safety hazards may restrict access. Areas not entered are excluded from assessment.
- **Waterproofing, Moisture & Leaks:** Waterproofing performance (wet areas, balconies, planter boxes, roofs and external walls) cannot be confirmed by a visual inspection alone. Moisture readings, if taken, are indicative only. Leaks can be intermittent and may not be evident at the time of inspection.
- **Services & Appliances Not Fully Tested:** Unless stated otherwise, electrical, plumbing, gas, HVAC, fixed appliances, hot water systems, intercoms, smoke alarms, garage doors, pumps and similar items are not comprehensively tested. Specialist assessment is recommended where concerns exist.
- **Drainage & Stormwater:** Underground drainage and stormwater systems (including shared drainage) are not fully verifiable without specialist testing such as CCTV inspection. Performance may vary with

rainfall intensity and maintenance.

- **Timber Pest Scope:** The timber pest inspection covers visible and accessible timber elements only. Absence of visible evidence is not a guarantee that termites or other timber pests are not present in concealed or inaccessible areas.
- **Termite Risk & Conducive Conditions:** Termite risk is influenced by moisture, landscaping, stored timber, barrier bridging, ventilation, plumbing leaks, and adjoining structures. Where conducive conditions are present, the risk of concealed termite activity increases.
- **Termite Management Systems:** The inspection does not certify the design, continuity, compliance, or current effectiveness of termite management systems (physical or chemical). Confirmation should be obtained from installation documentation, durable notices (where applicable), treatment certificates, and/or a licensed pest controller and/or strata records (where applicable).
- **No Compliance Certification:** This is not a compliance audit and does not certify compliance with the NCC, Australian Standards, approvals, or manufacturer specifications. Compliance matters should be referred to the certifier/PCA or appropriately licensed specialist.
- **Concealed Defects & Future Changes:** The report reflects conditions at the time of inspection only. Defects may exist that are concealed or may develop due to movement, weather, ageing, maintenance, or changes in site conditions.
- **Health & Safety Hazards Outside Scope:** Identification of asbestos-containing materials, lead paint, mould species testing, air quality, chemical contamination and similar hazards are outside scope unless specifically commissioned.
- **Recommendations & Specialist Advice:** Where issues are identified (movement/cracking, dampness, leaks, termite activity/damage, electrical/plumbing concerns), further investigation and advice from appropriately qualified/licensed specialists is recommended.
- **Report Validity:** Findings are generally valid for 90 days from the inspection date, as conditions can change.

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

Overall Condition (Building)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in good condition 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, Townhouse
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Slab - Suspended Slab, Slab on ground, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Unfurnished
Occupied	Unoccupied
No. of bedrooms	4
Orientation	North West
Other Building Elements	Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Garage, Party Walls, Porch
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architectural Trims, Architraves, Deck, Door Frames, Doors, Eaves, External Joinery, Internal Joinery, Porch / Patio, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Staircase, Veranda Posts, Weatherboards, Window Frames
Roof	Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond), Pitched, Timber Framed
Storeys	Multi-Storey with basement
Walls	Brick Veneer, Light Weight Wall Clad, Weatherboards
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
- Interior
- The Site
- Wall Exterior

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

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Ceiling Cavity.
- Roof Exterior.
- Site - Part.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

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

Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling linings
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Fixed ceilings
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Gutter Guards
- Patio
- Pipework
- Porch

- Wall linings
- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings

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

Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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

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

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Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building: Main Building

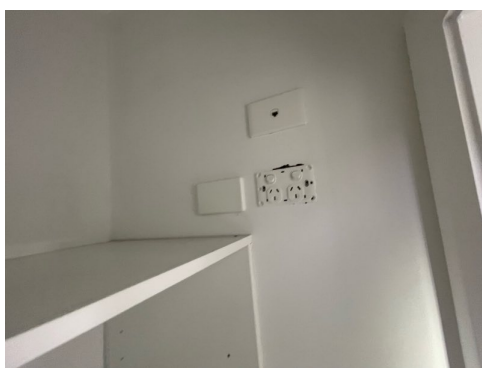
Location: Hall / Wardrobe
Bedroom 3 Level 1, Level 2

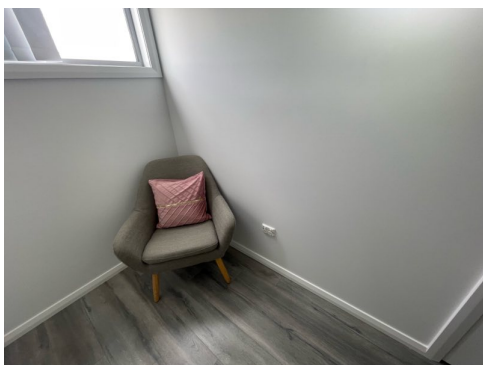
Finding: Electrical Socket – Cover Plate Missing

Information: During the inspection, it was observed that an electrical power outlet (socket) was missing its cover plate. This condition leaves internal components partially exposed and indicates incomplete installation or deterioration.

A missing cover plate presents a potential electrical safety hazard, including the risk of accidental contact with live parts, ingress of dust or moisture, and reduced protection of the outlet. This condition does not meet acceptable safety and maintenance standards.

It is recommended that the socket be made safe and the cover plate reinstated or replaced by a licensed electrician as a priority to restore safety and compliance.





Finding 1.02

Building: Main Building

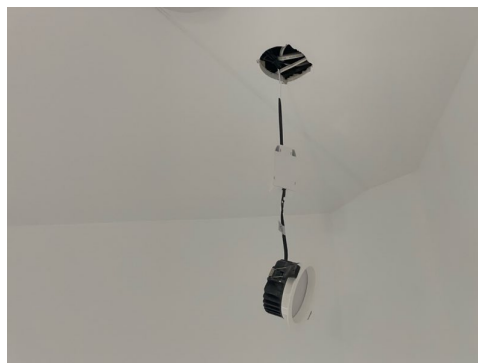
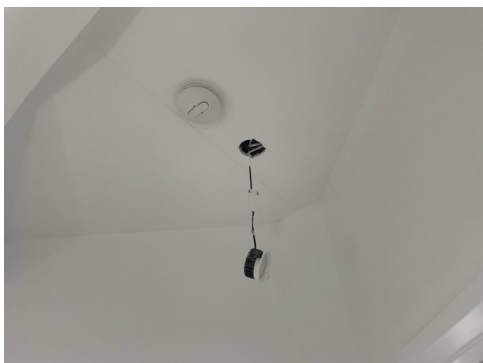
Location: Hallway Level 2

Finding: Electrical fitting - Broken

Information: The electrical fitting in this area was found to be broken at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may also be indicative of impact damage to the building element (accidental or deliberate).

Left unmanaged, the fitting is unlikely to cause further damage to surrounding building elements. However, the broken fitting does expose electrical works, and may create a safety hazard if there is potential contact with persons in the area.

Repair and/or replacement of the broken fitting is advised. A Licensed electrician should be appointed to repair/replace the fitting immediately.



Finding 1.03

Building: Main Building

Location: All Internal Areas

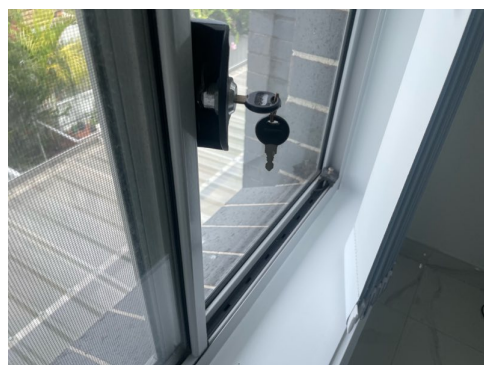
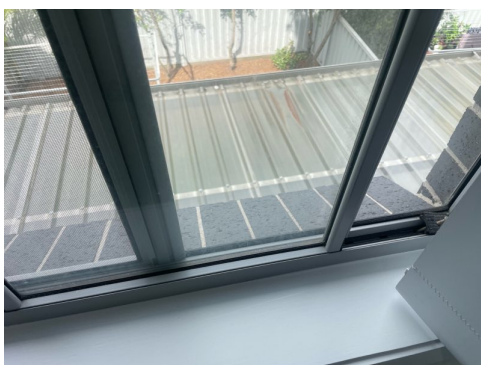
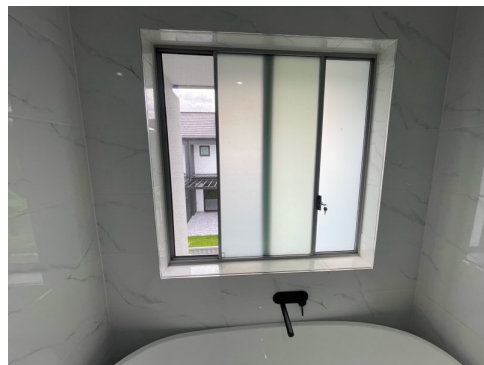
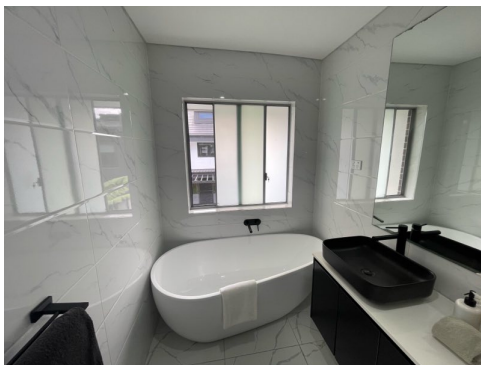
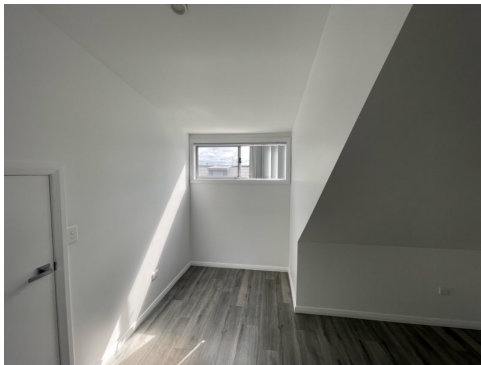
Finding: Window - Opening Restrictor / Barrier Missing

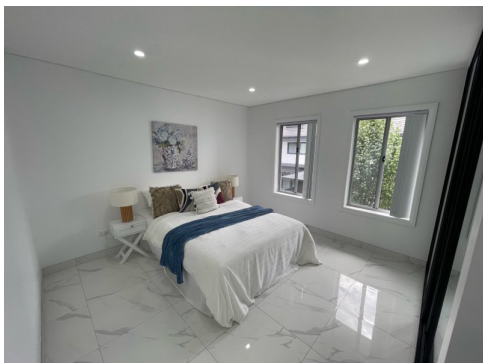
Information: During the inspection, a window was observed without an opening stopper/restrictor and with the required safety barrier protection missing. Where windows are located above lower ground levels or otherwise accessible, the absence of these safety measures may create an increased risk of falls, particularly for children.

Window opening control devices and barriers are important safety features intended to limit excessive opening and reduce the likelihood of accidental falls. Their absence indicates the window may not provide an adequate level of occupant protection in its current condition.

A qualified builder or suitably licensed contractor should be engaged to assess the affected window and install an appropriate window opening restrictor and/or compliant barrier system as required. This issue should be treated as a safety concern and addressed without delay.







Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

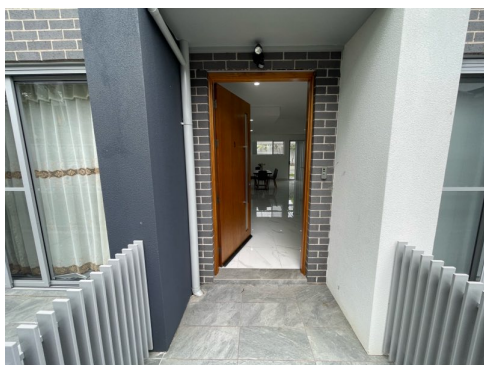
Building: Main Building

Location: Entry

Finding: Cavities in Brick Wall Mortar Joints

Information: During the inspection, multiple areas of the external brick wall were observed to have significant cavities within the mortar joints. These voids appear to be the result of poor mortar application or inadequate compaction during construction. The presence of these gaps compromises the wall's integrity, allowing moisture ingress and increasing the risk of long-term deterioration, including cracking, efflorescence, and reduced structural performance.

It is recommended that a qualified bricklayer or building contractor assess all affected areas and undertake remedial works, including raking out and repointing the defective joints with appropriate mortar.



Finding 3.02

Building: Main Building

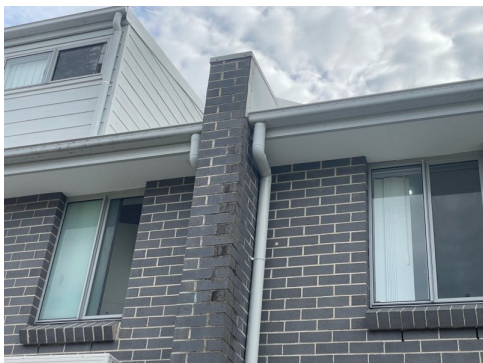
Location: Strata
Exterior walls - rear

Finding: Wall / Step Flashings – Defective Weatherproofing and Moisture Damage

Information: During the inspection, areas of wall flashing and/or step flashing were observed to be inadequately detailed, with missing weathering folds, anti-capillary breaks and sealing. These components are important to help direct water away from wall junctions and prevent moisture tracking into the building envelope. Their absence increases the likelihood of water penetration at the affected locations.

Water marking and mould growth were also noted to the adjacent wall surface, which is consistent with past or ongoing moisture ingress. This suggests that the defective flashing and sealing arrangements may already be allowing water entry into the wall system. Prolonged moisture exposure can contribute to damage of wall linings, finishes and potentially concealed framing elements if not addressed.

A qualified roofing contractor or suitably experienced builder should be engaged to carry out further investigation and rectify the flashing installation and sealing to an appropriate weather-resistant standard. Any damaged or mould-affected wall finishes should be repaired once the source of moisture ingress has been identified and properly addressed.



Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building

Location: Kitchen

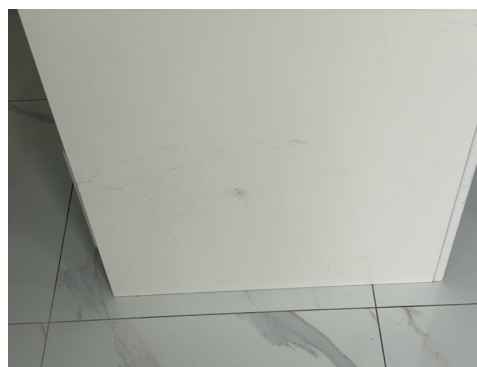
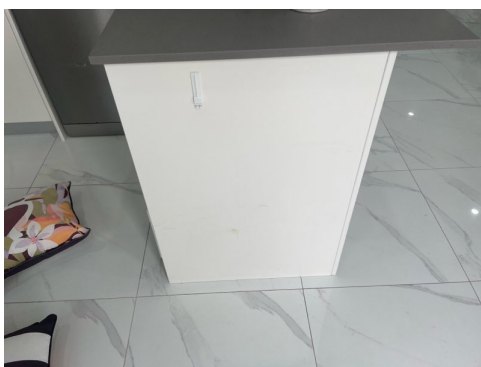
Finding: Cosmetic Marks and Scuffs – Internal Surfaces

Information:

Some areas of the painted wall surfaces, ceilings, door frames, and other internal finishes were observed to have marks and scuffs, likely resulting from the normal use of the property. These marks do not indicate structural damage but have affected the overall aesthetic appearance of the internal spaces.

If left unaddressed, the marks may become more noticeable over time, particularly in high-traffic areas, which could reduce the visual appeal of the interiors. The integrity of the paint and finishes is not compromised, but cosmetic touch-ups may be required to maintain a uniform presentation.

It is recommended that the affected surfaces be cleaned or repainted in the near future by a suitably qualified tradesperson to restore the appearance and uniformity of the internal finishes. Regular maintenance of painted surfaces, including walls, ceilings, and trims, can help prolong their life and visual quality.

**Finding 3.04**

Building:

Main Building

Location: Kitchen

Finding: Rangehood – Defective / Non-Operational

Information: During the inspection, the rangehood was found to be defective at the time of assessment. The unit did not appear to be operating as intended and was not in proper working condition when tested.

A defective rangehood may reduce the effective extraction of cooking fumes, steam, grease and odours from the kitchen area. Over time, this can contribute to moisture build-up, staining and general deterioration of adjacent finishes if not addressed.

A qualified electrician and/or appliance technician should be engaged to further assess the rangehood, determine the cause of the defect and carry out the necessary repair or replacement as required.



Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building

Location: Toilet (WC) Ground Level

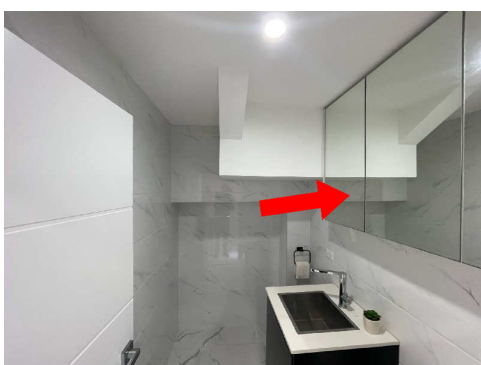
Finding: Bathroom Vanity – Damaged (Scratches, Water Staining, Wear & Tear, Broken Shelf)

Information:

The bathroom vanity was observed to be in a damaged condition at the time of inspection, including visible scratches to the vanity surfaces, water staining, general wear and tear, and a broken internal shelf. This condition affects both presentation and serviceability of the fixture.

The observed staining and deterioration may be consistent with ongoing moisture exposure (splashing, minor leakage, or poor drying/ventilation) combined with normal use over time. Where laminated or painted finishes are scratched, worn, or water stained, the protective coating can be compromised, which may allow moisture absorption and lead to swelling, delamination, and progressive deterioration of the cabinet materials.

It is recommended that the client arrange further assessment and repair or replacement of the affected vanity components as required to restore function and reduce the risk of further deterioration. If water staining is active or worsening, it is also recommended that the plumbing and surrounding junctions (basin waste, taps, silicone seals, and adjacent wall/floor interfaces) be checked to confirm there is no ongoing leak contributing to the damage.



Finding 3.06

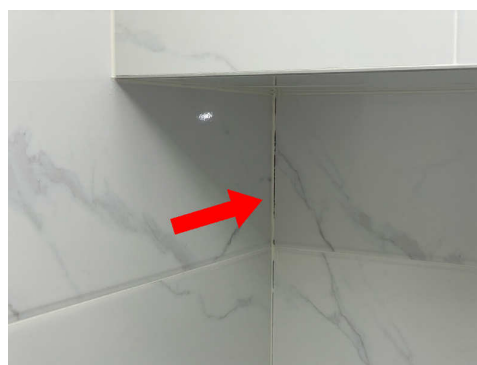
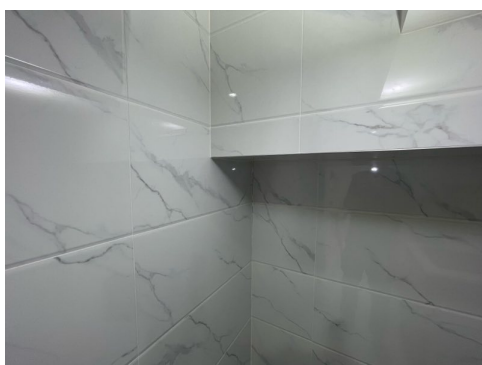
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Toilet (WC) Ground Level
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Cabinetry – Missing or Deteriorated Corner Sealant

Information: The cabinetry was observed to have missing or deteriorated sealant at the internal corners. In some areas, the sealant had not been applied, while in others it had broken down and no longer provided an effective seal.

Incomplete or deteriorated sealant can allow water, moisture, or debris to penetrate behind cabinetry panels, which may lead to swelling, staining, or damage to the cabinetry materials over time. It also detracts from the overall finish and appearance of the installation.

This matter is considered a maintenance defect. It is recommended that the affected cabinetry corners be re-sealed by a suitably qualified tradesperson to restore protection and appearance.



Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Loose Tap and Missing

Information: During the inspection, it was observed that the tap in this area has not been installed correctly, or has deteriorated with age, and is consequently loose. A loose tap creates the potential for water leaks and subsequent water damage to the surrounding finishes.

In addition, the tap handle to the bathtub basin was missing at the time of inspection. Missing handles reduce the functionality of the plumbing fixture and can make operation difficult or impossible. This condition also increases the likelihood of strain on the tap mechanism, leading to further deterioration or leakage.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to re-secure the loose tap fitting and to supply and install a new handle for the bathtub basin tap. All remedial works should be completed in accordance with plumbing best practices to restore both safe operation and serviceability.



Finding 3.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Shower Alcove Wall Damp - Elevated Moisture

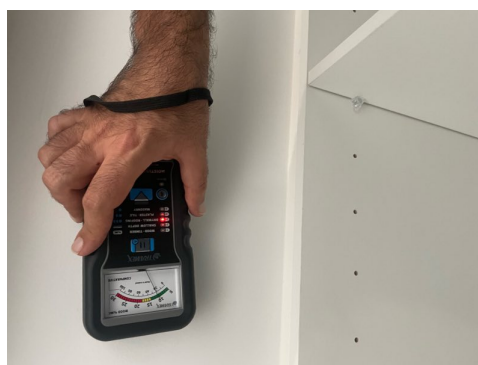
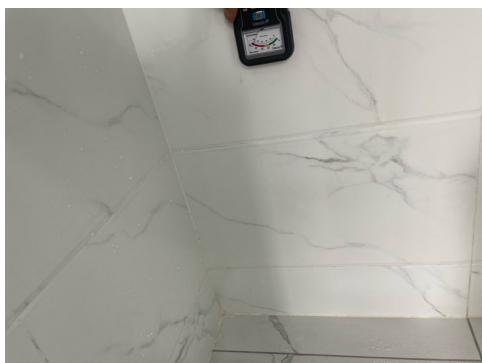
Information: During inspection, damp was detected to the lower wall area of the shower alcove, extending up to approximately 1 metre. There were no elevated moisture readings identified around the taps, nor were there readings transferring through to the opposite side of the wall. The sealant appears to have been repaired recently, and both the sealant and grout are currently in acceptable condition.

This type of defect is quite common and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating or leaching through the grouting and/or gaps in the sealant prior to the recent repairs. Even when surface finishes appear intact, moisture can penetrate behind tiling and into the substrate over time.

Unmanaged damp in a shower recess is likely to facilitate mould and fungi growth, decay of associated building materials, and compromise of structural integrity. Excessive indoor moisture is also linked to the growth of microbes that can emit spores and cause health-related issues, particularly respiratory problems.

It is recommended that the affected wall area be rectified in the close future by a licensed plumber or bathroom waterproofing specialist to ensure the moisture issue is properly resolved. Monitoring should continue until rectification is carried out.

Ongoing maintenance of grout and sealant is essential to prevent future recurrence of damp conditions in the shower alcove.



Finding 3.10

Building: Main Building

Location: Toilet (WC) - 2 Level 1

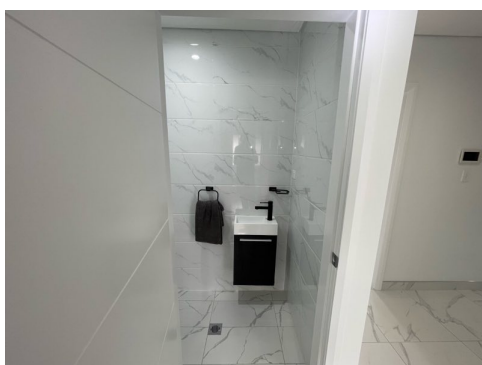
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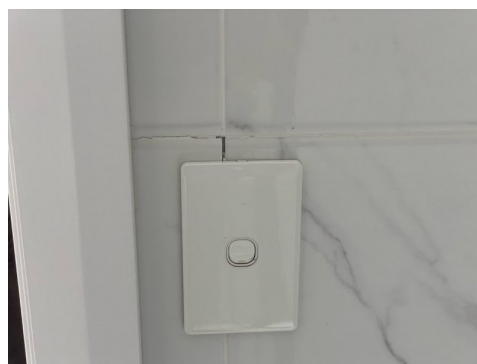
It is recommended that the client arrange further assessment and repair or replacement of the affected vanity components as required to restore function and reduce the risk of further deterioration. If water staining is active or worsening, it is also recommended that the plumbing and surrounding junctions (basin waste, taps, silicone seals, and adjacent wall/floor interfaces) be checked to confirm there is no ongoing leak contributing to the damage.



Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Grout - Missing
Information:	Grout is missing in this area. Grout is used to protect gaps and crevices in building materials to ensure that they are water-tight and prevent water penetration to the associated structures.

Where grout is missing, a tiling contractor should be appointed immediately to apply grout and re-apply any silicone where necessary. Failure to do so is likely to lead to water damage to the surrounding area.



Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Cabinetry – Missing or Deteriorated Corner Sealant
Information:	The cabinetry was observed to have missing or deteriorated sealant at the internal corners. In some areas, the sealant had not been applied, while in others it had broken down and no longer provided an effective seal.

Incomplete or deteriorated sealant can allow water, moisture, or debris to penetrate behind cabinetry panels, which may lead to swelling, staining, or damage to the cabinetry materials over time. It also detracts from the overall finish and appearance of the installation.

This matter is considered a maintenance defect. It is recommended that the affected cabinetry corners be re-sealed by a suitably qualified tradesperson to restore protection and appearance.



Finding 3.13

Building: Main Building

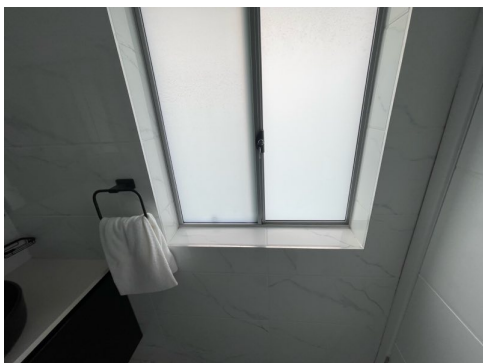
Location: Ensuite - Master

Finding: Cracked floor tiles

Information: Cracking in the floor tiles was evident in this area at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of minor settlement or shrinkage of the slab.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas however it is unlikely to create or lead to any secondary defects.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is recommended at the clients discretion. A tiling contractor may be appointed to perform these works. Where cracks become more numerous, contact a licensed building inspector for further investigation.



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
Information:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
Finding:	In ground contact
Information:	<p>Any timbers in direct ground contact provide opportunity for concealed termite entry and are likely to be subject to premature rot and decay as the soil retains moisture or damp conditions against the timbers.</p> <p>Remove untreated timber that is in direct contact with external grounds. Consider replacement with more durable materials i.e. treated timber or non timber elements. Frequent pest inspections are advised to readily identify any termite activity in these areas.</p>



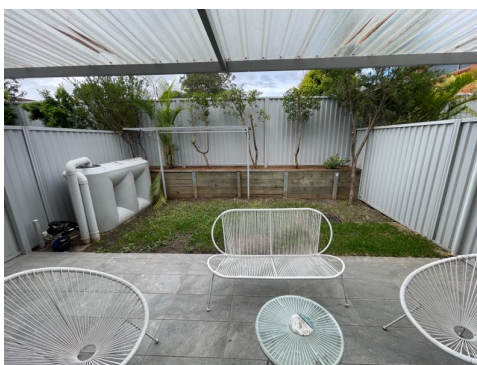
Finding 6.03

Building: Main Building

Location: Yard

Finding: Large trees/stumps within 30m of house

Information: There are a number of large trees/stumps within 30m 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 any large trees. A pest controller can be contacted to carry out such testing at the 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

Evidence of a previous termite management program

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 Electrician
- Licensed Plumber
- Licensed Plumber specialising in Gas
- Licensed Plumber specialising in Roof Plumbing
- Solicitor or Conveyancer
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller
- The Vendors / Vendors Agent

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

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

The townhouse was inspected as a strata title property, and the assessment was limited to the areas that were reasonably accessible at the time of inspection. Overall, the property presented with a range of safety hazards, minor defects, maintenance issues and moisture-related concerns requiring attention. The more significant items noted within the accessible areas included missing window opening restrictors/barriers to internal windows, a missing electrical socket cover plate, and a broken electrical fitting, all of which present safety concerns and should be addressed without delay by appropriately qualified trades.

A number of additional defects and maintenance items were also identified internally, including damaged bathroom vanity finishes, missing or deteriorated grout and sealant, cracked floor tiles, deteriorated cabinet corner sealant, a loose tap, cosmetic scuffs and marks to internal surfaces, and a defective/non-operational rangehood. Dampness with elevated moisture was noted to the shower alcove wall, and defective wall/step flashings together with associated water marking and mould were also recorded, indicating moisture ingress concerns that require further investigation and repair. Cavities within external brick mortar joints were also observed and should be monitored and made good as required.

As this is a strata title property, some elements such as common property, external building fabric, structural components, flashings, shared services and termite management systems may fall wholly or partly under the responsibility of the owners corporation/strata management. Common areas and relevant strata-related elements were inspected as much as was accessible at the time; however, this report should be read together with the current strata records and any strata report obtained independently by the purchaser. Responsibility remains with the strata manager and owners corporation to manage and maintain applicable common property items, including any termite management arrangements where relevant.

With regard to timber pest observations, no visible evidence of live termite activity, termite workings, termite damage, fungal decay or chemical delignification was noted in the accessible areas at the time of inspection. However, conditions conducive to termite attack were identified, including items in ground contact, large trees/stumps within the vicinity of the building, and no clear evidence of a chemical

termite management installation being apparent at the time of inspection. Ongoing termite management remains important, and in a strata property this is generally a matter that should also be clarified with the owners corporation and strata manager.

In summary, the townhouse appeared to be in a condition where a number of repairs, maintenance works and further specialist assessment are required. Priority should be given to the identified safety hazards, electrical issues and moisture ingress concerns. All defects should be reviewed in conjunction with the strata arrangements so that responsibility for rectification between lot owner and owners corporation can be properly determined.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Kamal Biucky on 0415 454 444

The following items were noted as -For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location:

Finding: Termite Management Recommendation – Strata Responsibility

Information: A proposal should be implemented in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 – Termite Management – In and Around Existing Buildings and Structures to assist in managing the risk of future subterranean termite entry.

This recommendation applies particularly to properties within this strata complex, where conditions may be conducive to termite or timber pest activity. Preventing termite infestations through proactive management is significantly more effective and cost-efficient than addressing live infestations after they occur.

It is therefore recommended that the Owners Corporation (strata management) arrange for a licensed pest management contractor to review and, where appropriate, implement preventative termite management measures on behalf of all lot owners. These may include the installation of a post-construction chemical barrier and the control of excess moisture or vegetation around building perimeters and common areas.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Internal Areas

Finding: Timber Pest Inspection Methodology

Information: All areas of the dwelling are checked with particular attention paid to wet areas which were closely assessed to check for excessive levels of moisture and temperature anomalies. No evidence of termite activity was found inside the house at the time of the inspection. In an attempt to identify the presence of hidden timber pest activity, a variety of techniques are adopted to identify irregularities including, a moisture meter reading of susceptible areas, sounding of timber elements using a device called a "donga" visual assessment of materials affected by moisture or signs of deformity, trails and bridging constructed by termites, irregular and regular shaped holes in timber elements indicating pest destruction. Termite activity generates high temperatures and moisture and if this irregularity is found it can be grounds for further investigation. NO readings for moisture was found at the time of inspection.

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

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Evidence of chemical delignification was absent at the time of inspection

Information: Chemical delignification also known as wood defibrillation refers to the chemical breakdown of timber building elements. This breakdown deteriorates the wood severely impacting on the structural integrity and tensile strength of the affected building element. Chemical delignification is most common in marine environments due to the high levels of salt in the air however this deterioration may also occur in other areas where timber elements are frequently exposed to damaging gases chemicals etc. Areas that may be prone to the development of chemical delignification should be monitored frequently in order to identify any evidence of chemical delignification emerging.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Fungal decay - absent at the time of inspection

Information: Fungal decay also known as wood decay or wood rot generally refers to the deterioration of timber elements when in contact with excessive levels of moisture for a prolonged period of time. The development of fungal decay is accelerated by temperatures in the range of 5degreeC to 40degreeC as well as the presence of oxygen. Generally fungal decay develops on timber elements that are in use in an external environment which are exposed to rain penetration. Although no evidence of fungal decay was present at the time of inspection it is highly recommended that areas which may be conducive to the development of fungal decay e.g. subfloor space external timber elements etc. be monitored and maintained regularly.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Evidence of termite workings / damage was absent at the time of inspection

Information: No evidence was found at the time of inspection to suggest that termite activity is present on the property including past workings and damage.

The homeowner should comply with instructions and recommendations as per the warranty provided by the pest company and continue to monitor areas which have conditions conducive to termite activity.

Annual pest inspections are also advised in order to identify such workings.

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Evidence of live termite activity was absent at the time of the inspection

Information: If no evidence of termites was found at this inspection be aware that at the initial stages of a termite attack there is often no evidence that an attack has commenced such evidence may only become apparent sometime after the attack has commenced.

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

Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding:	Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc
Information:	<p>Plumbing and electrical inspections are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Trades person.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We recommend all other installations be checked also.</p> <p>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.</p>

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Strata Title Property – Common and Structural Elements Under Owners Corporation Responsibility
Information:	<p>This unit forms part of a strata-titled complex, where ownership is generally limited to the internal areas of the lot. All external and structural elements, along with common property, are maintained by the owners corporation (strata management) in accordance with the strata scheme's by-laws and statutory maintenance obligations.</p> <p>Common property typically includes, but is not limited to, the building structure (walls, roof, subfloor, foundations, columns, and beams), as well as external finishes, balconies, windows and doors (subject to by-laws), gutters, downpipes, pathways, driveways, retaining walls, boundary and dividing fences, landscaping, lighting, stairways, and shared service lines such as plumbing, stormwater, electrical, and communication conduits.</p> <p>Any defects or deterioration relating to these external or structural elements are generally the responsibility of the owners corporation rather than the individual lot owner. These items should be referred to the strata inspection report or discussed directly with the strata manager for further clarification, assessment, and rectification as part of the ongoing maintenance program.</p>

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photographs – Access Limitations Within Unit and Common Property Areas (Internal, External, Roof Void & Subfloor Where Applicable)

Information:

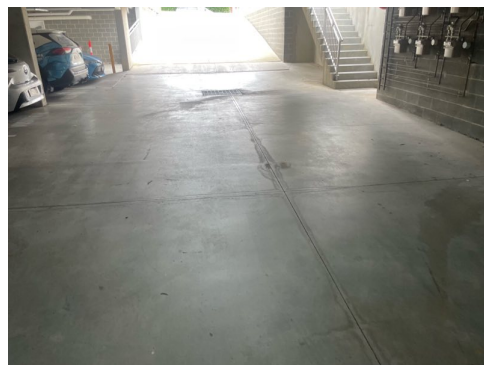
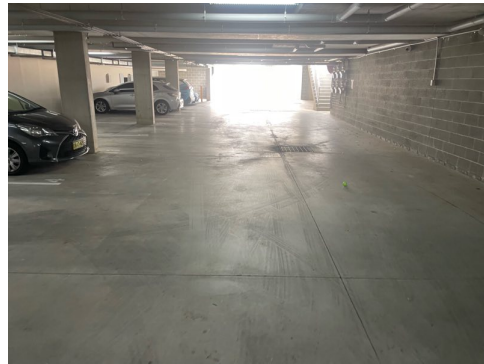
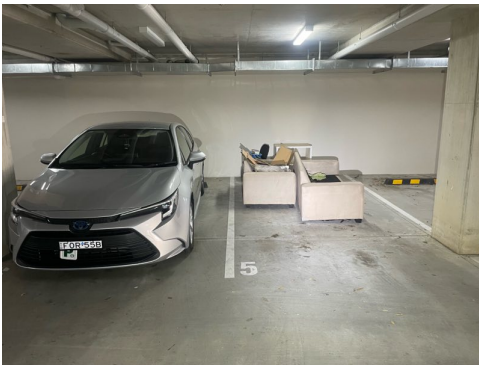
Additional photographs have been provided for general reference. At the time of inspection, certain areas of the unit apartment and associated common property were subject to access limitations and obstructions. Accordingly, the inspection was restricted to surfaces that were readily visible and safely accessible in accordance with standard visual inspection methodology (refer AS 4349.1 principles).

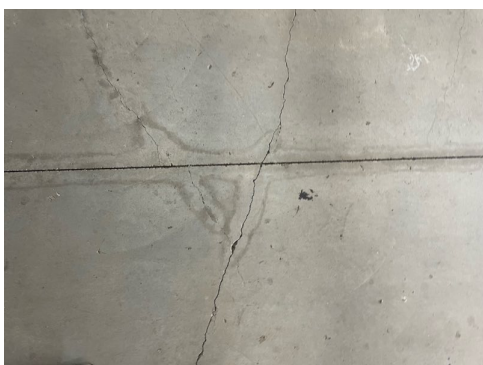
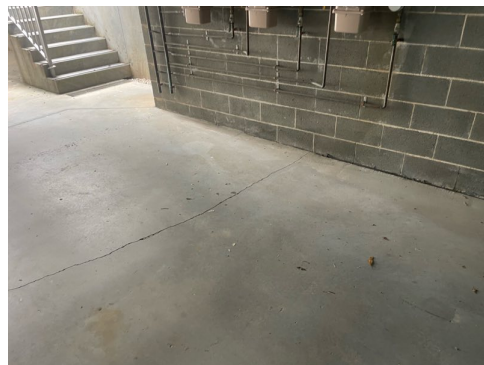
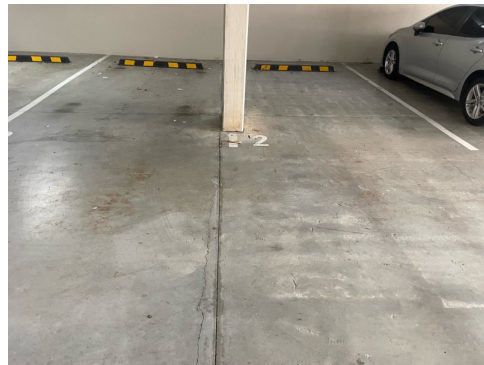
Internally (within the unit), portions of wall/floor junctions, internal corners, and areas behind furniture, stored items, appliances, and fixed joinery were not fully accessible. In apartment environments, cabinetry, wardrobes, kitchen units, and bathroom fittings can conceal substrate conditions. As a result, concealed defects, moisture ingress, cracking, or pest-related damage may exist in areas that were not able to be clearly viewed at the time of inspection.

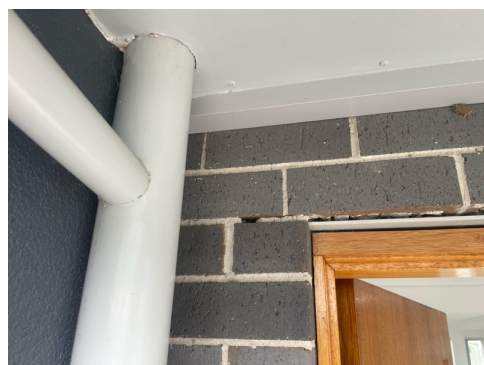
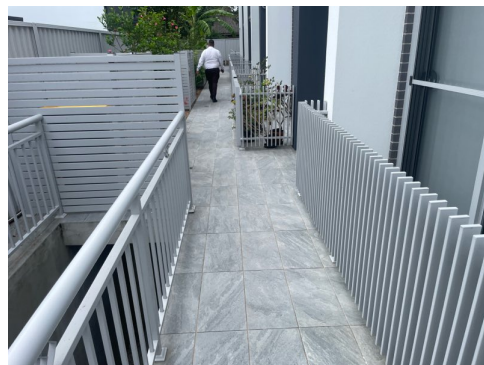
Externally (common property and immediate perimeter), visibility to certain slab edges, façade interfaces, weepholes, and termite inspection zones was restricted by landscaping, garden beds, boundary fencing, adjacent structures, and stored materials. In strata complexes, ground levels and external elements are often under the control of the Owners Corporation, and obstructions may limit the ability to fully assess damp-proof courses, drainage falls, and potential termite entry points.

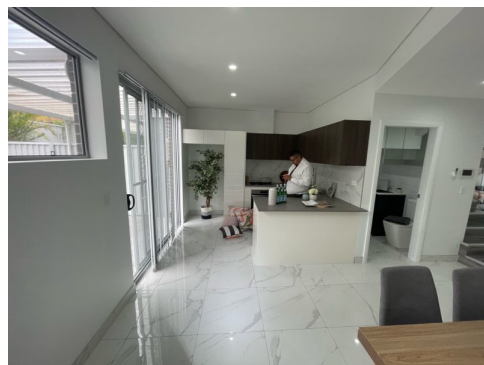
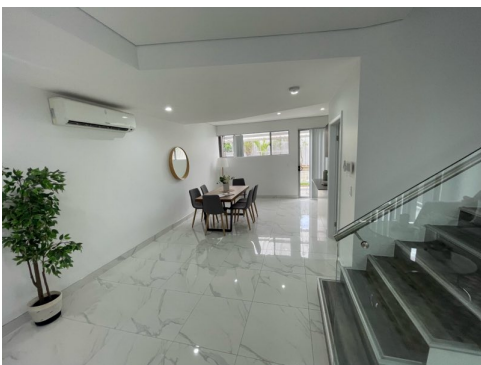
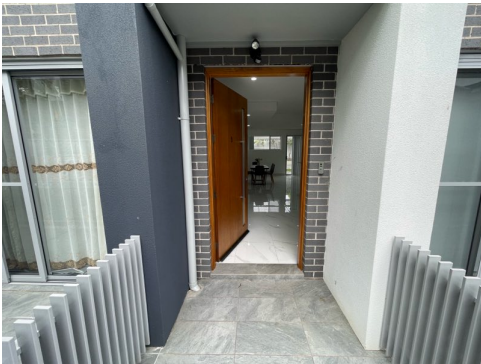
The subfloor area (if applicable to this building configuration) was not fully accessible due to restricted clearance, limited entry provisions, and/or the presence of services and stored items. Consequently, only accessible sections were inspected. Concealed structural members, damp conditions, ventilation adequacy, or evidence of timber pest activity may exist in areas that could not be entered or clearly viewed.

The roof void and roof exterior inspection were also subject to access constraints. Limitations included restricted manhole access, insulation coverage, ducting, low head height, and absence of safe walkways within the roof space. External roof inspection may be limited where roof pitch, building height, weather conditions, or safety considerations prevent close-up assessment. Accordingly, concealed roof framing, sarking, flashings, membrane systems, and roof drainage components may contain defects that were not detectable at the time of inspection.

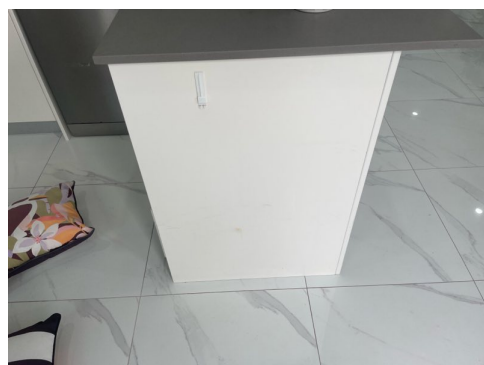




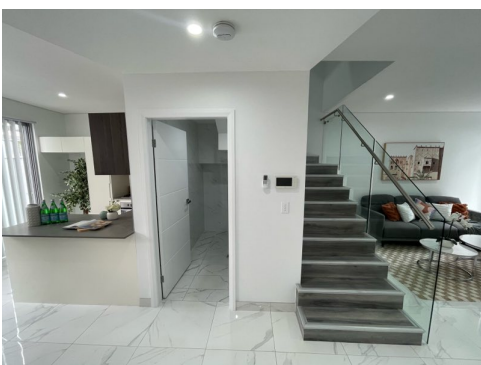


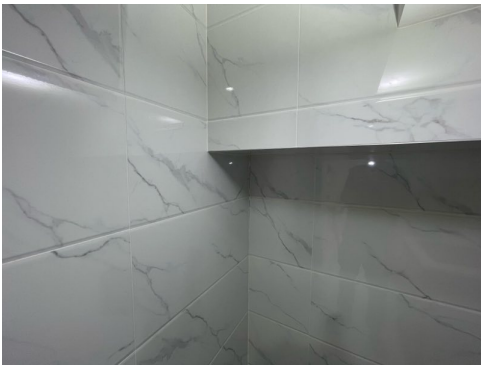


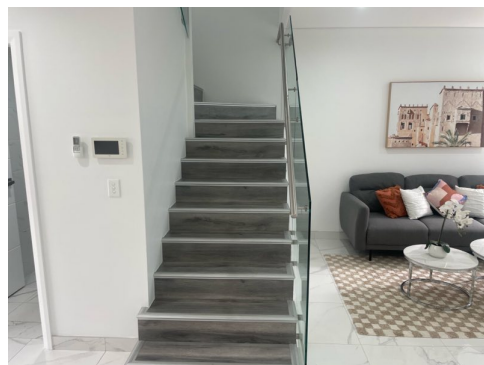
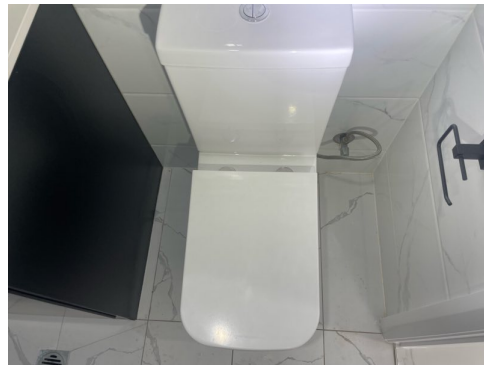


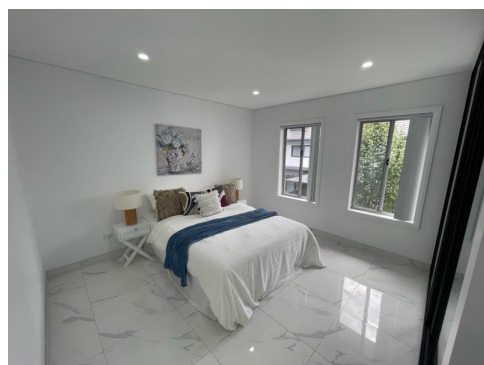
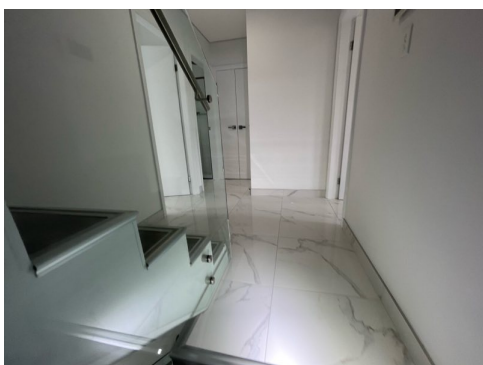
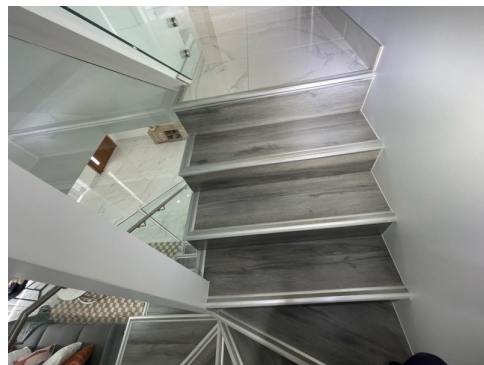
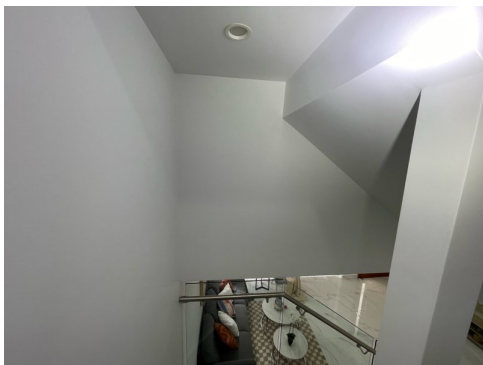
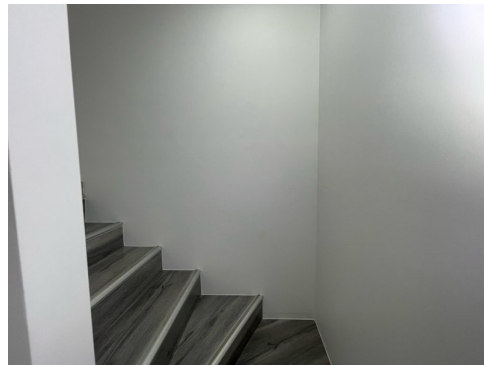


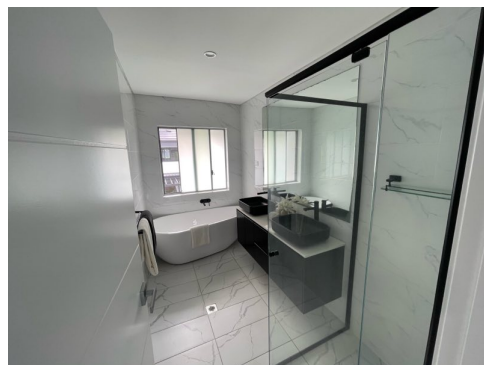
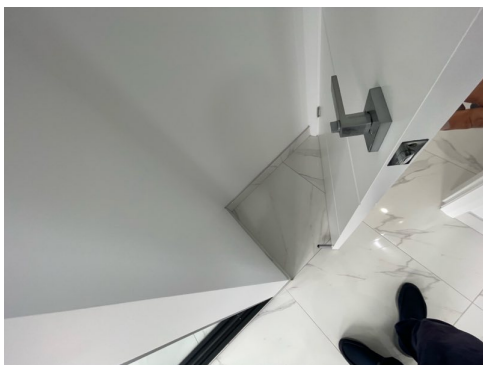


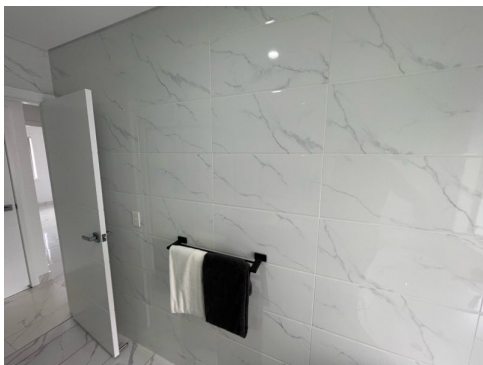


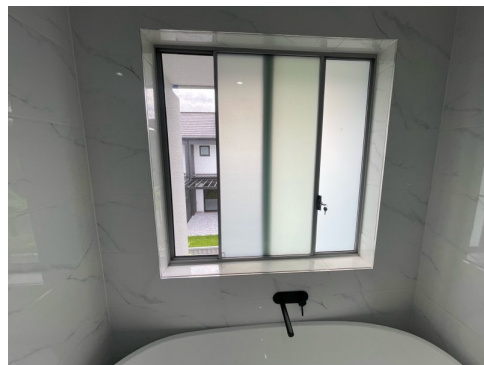


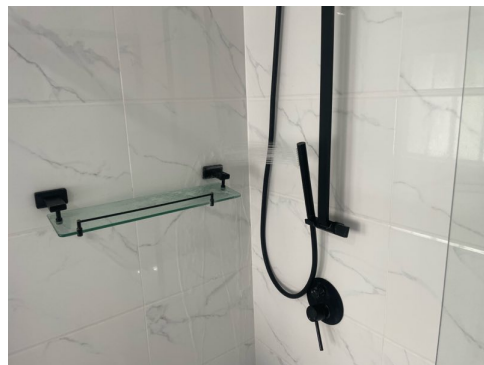
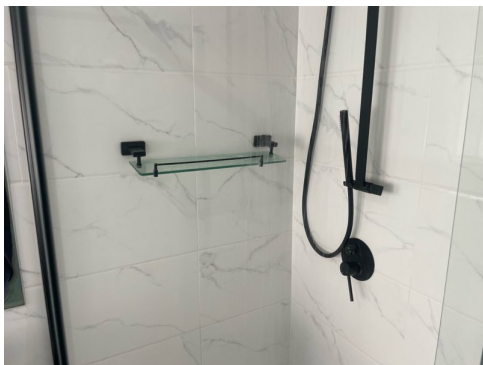


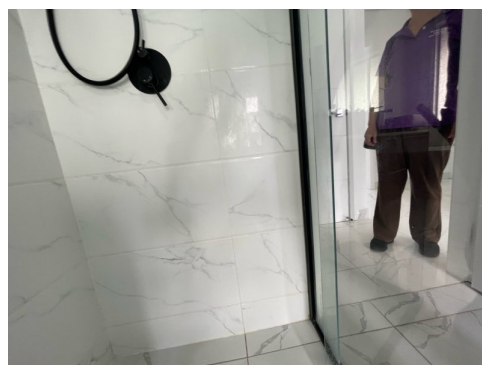
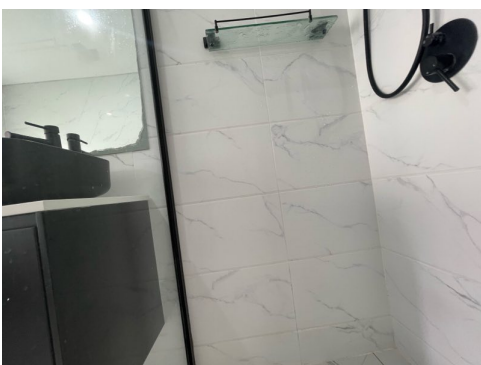
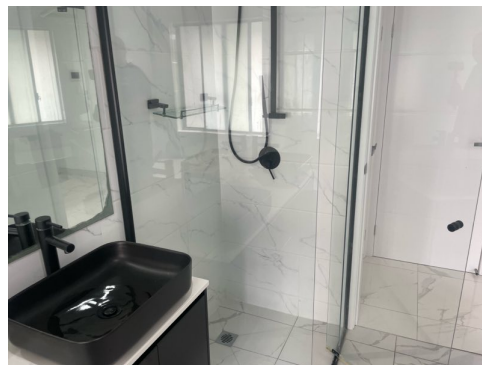


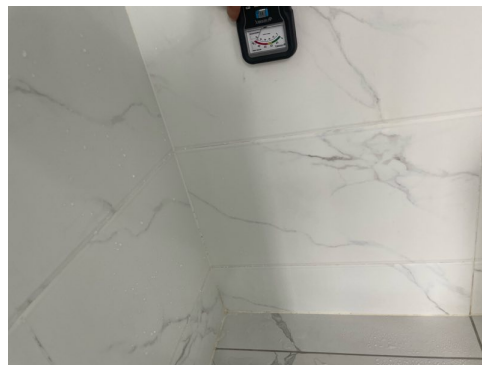
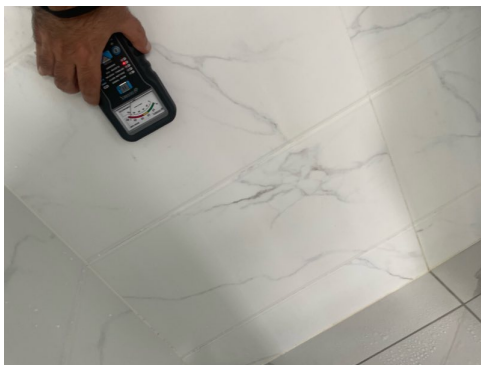


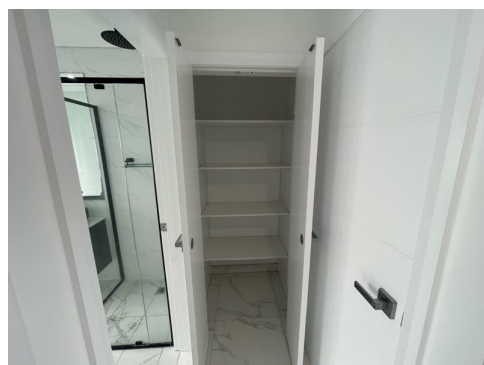


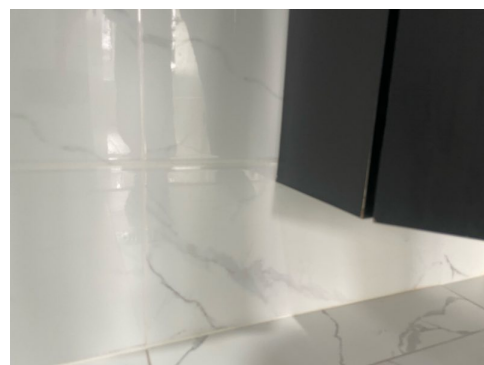
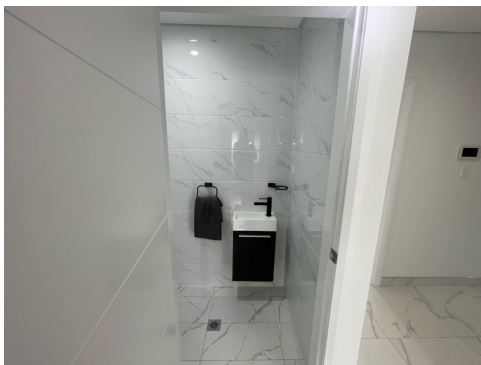


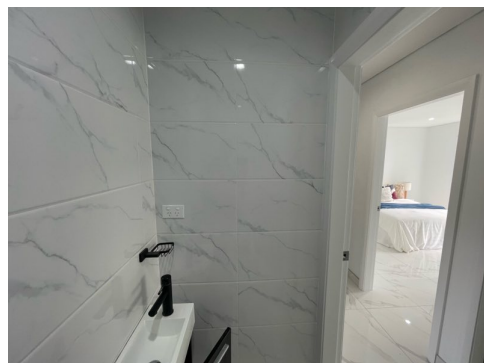
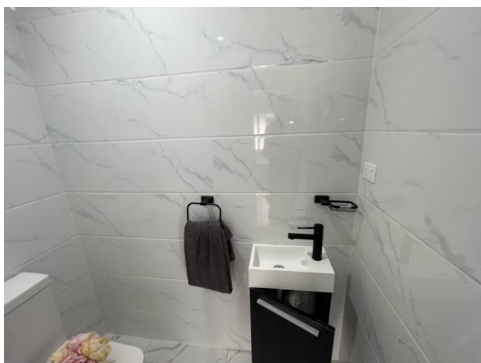
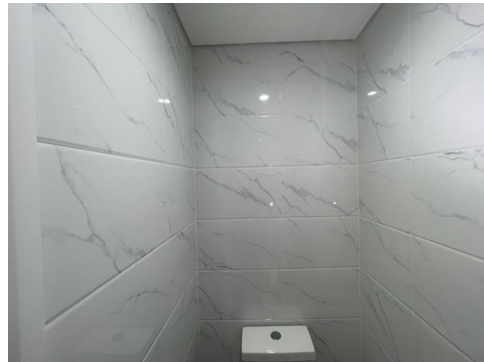


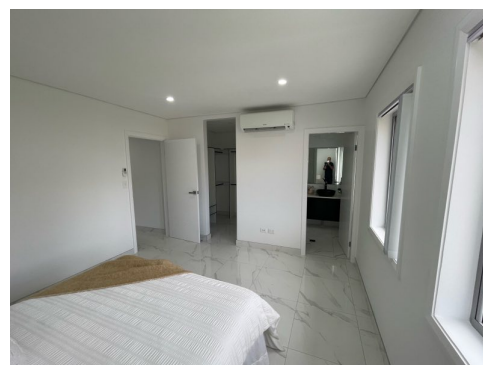
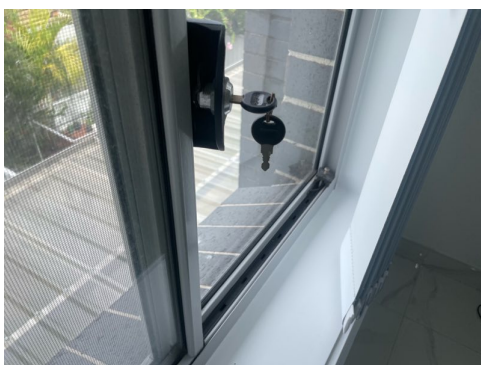
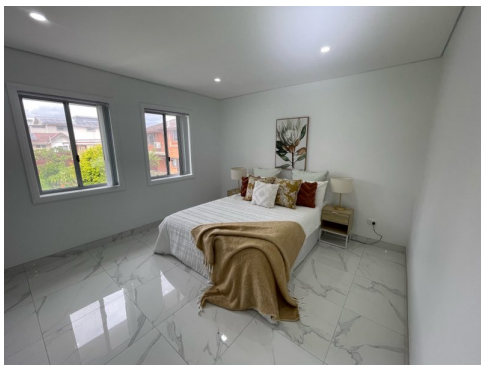


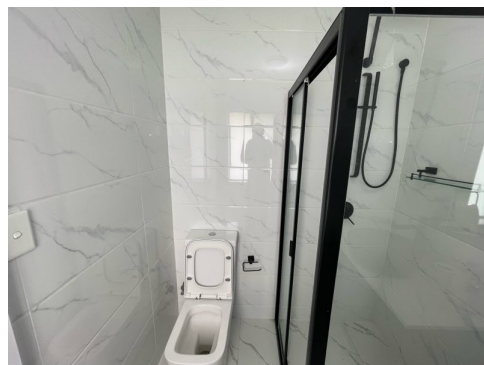
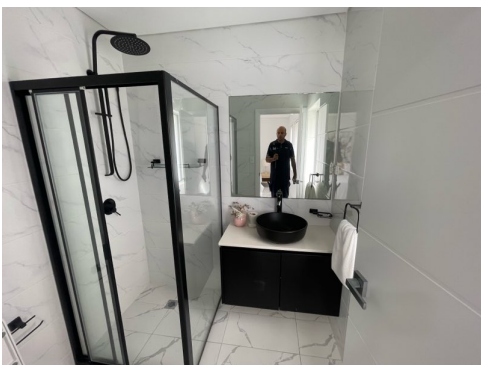
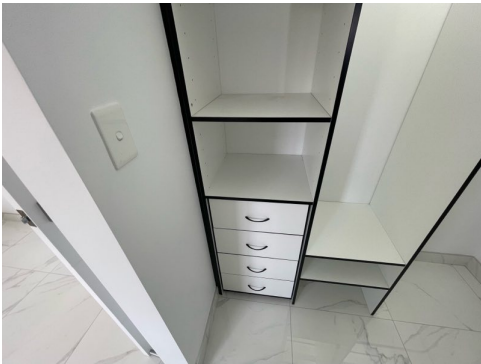
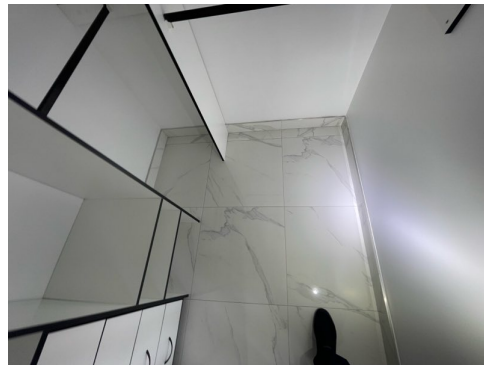
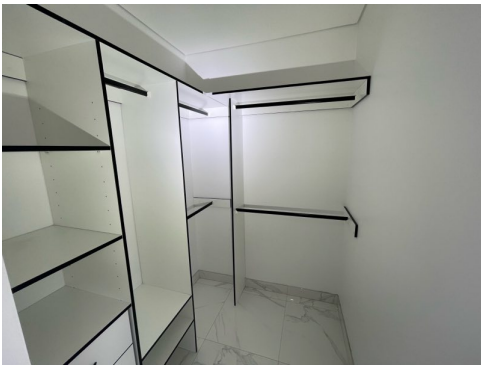




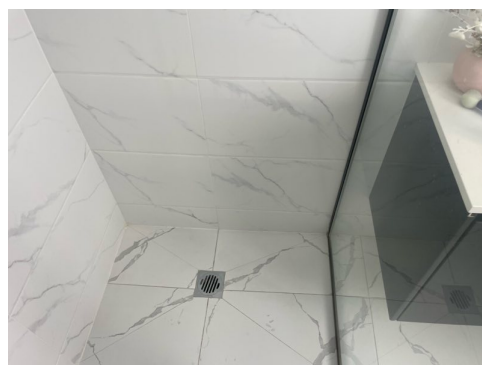
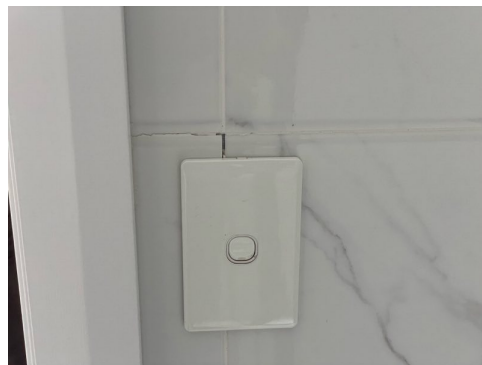
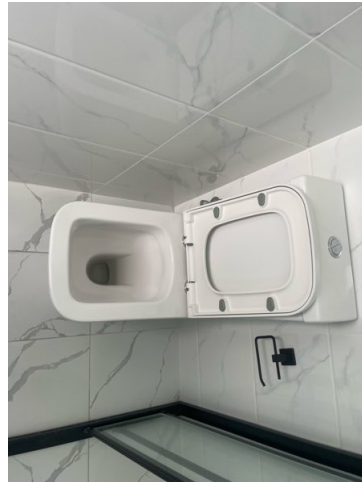


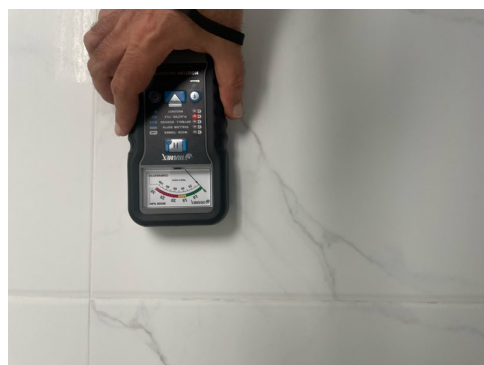
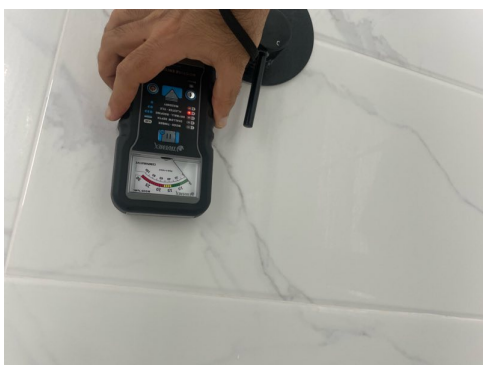
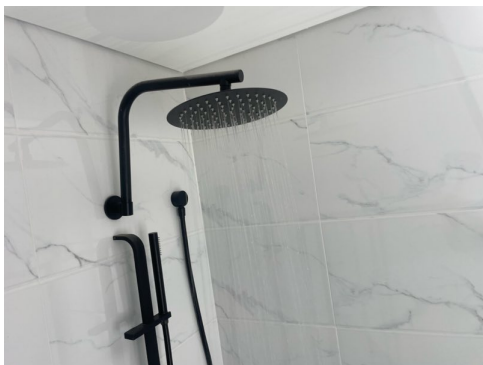
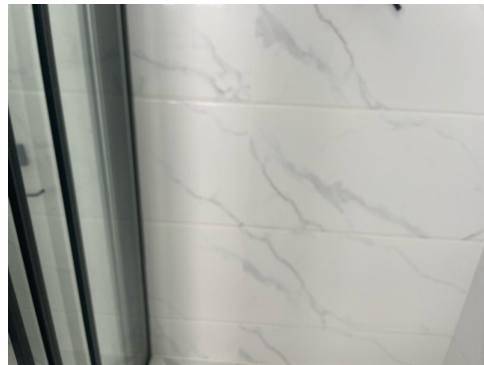
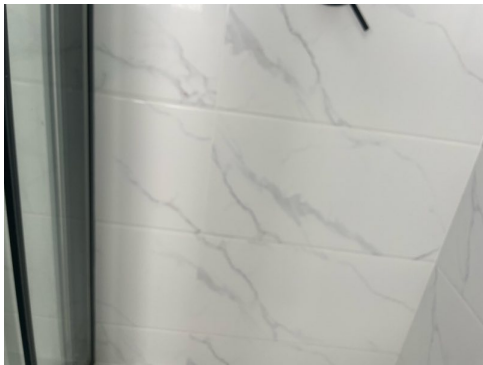


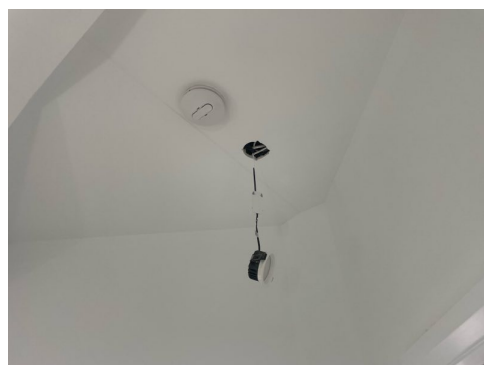
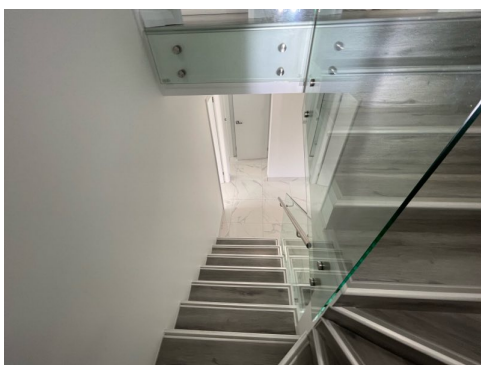
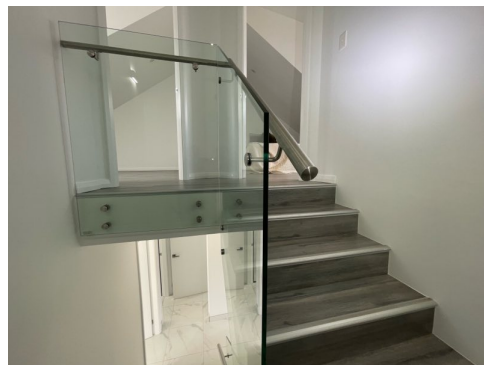
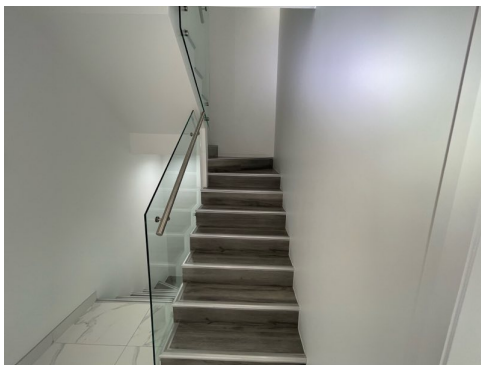
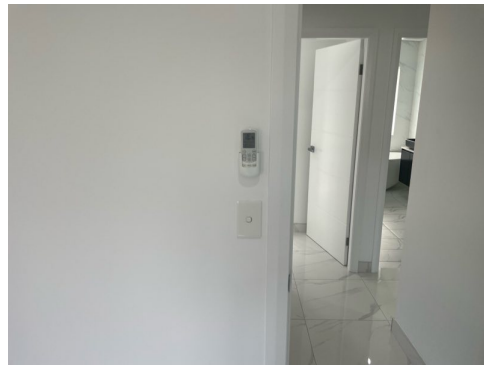
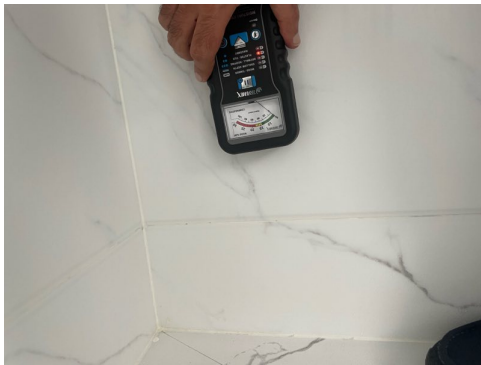


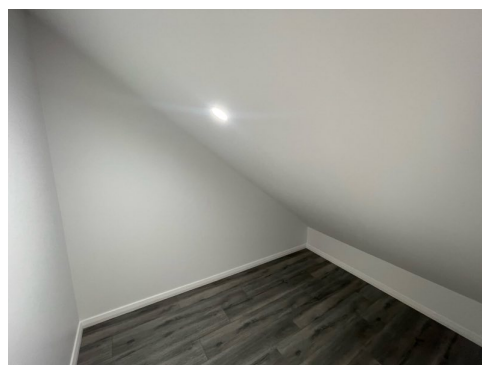
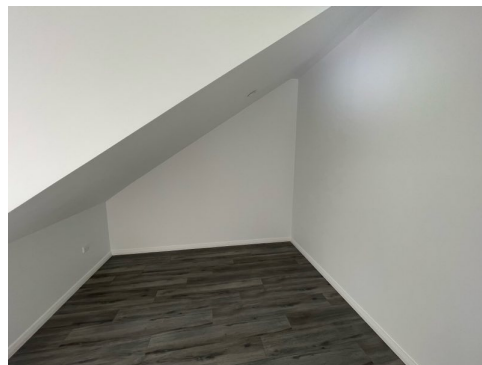
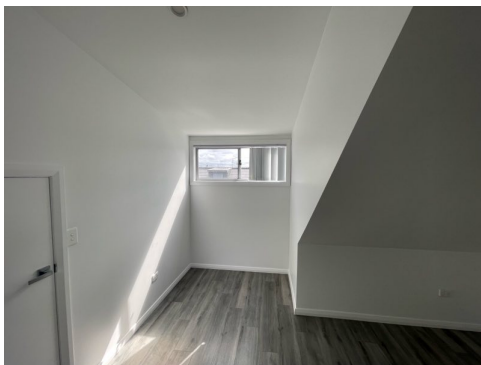
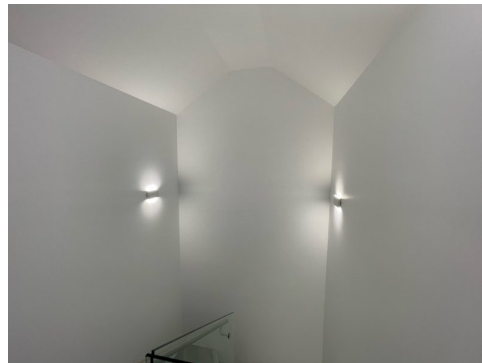


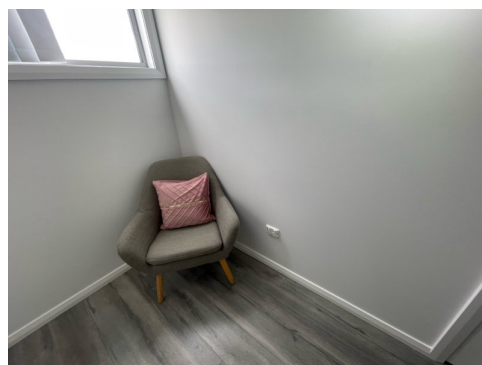
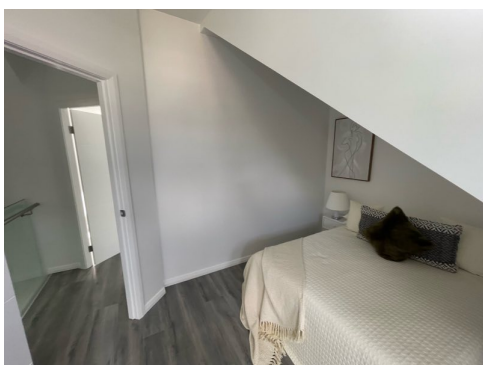
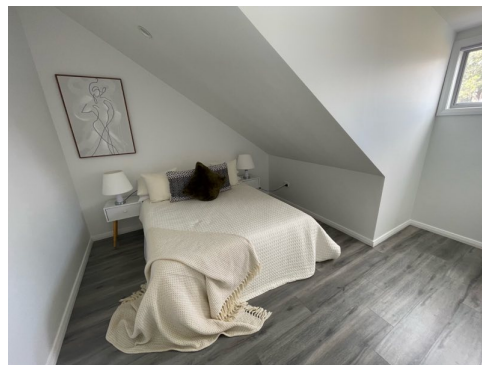
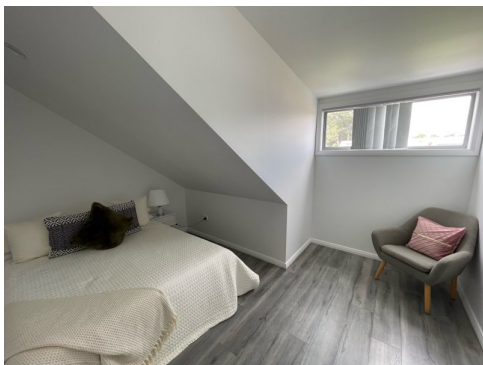
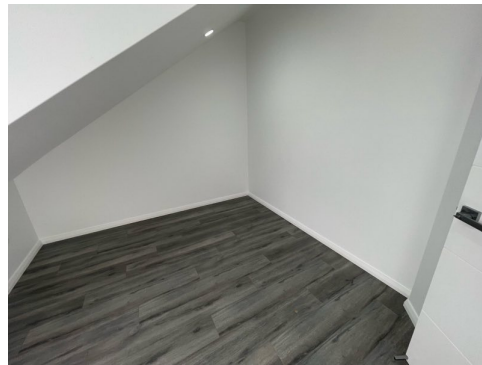
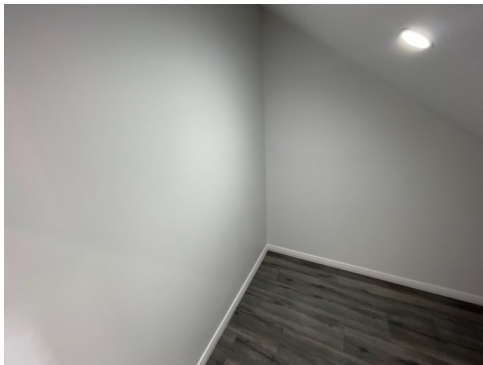


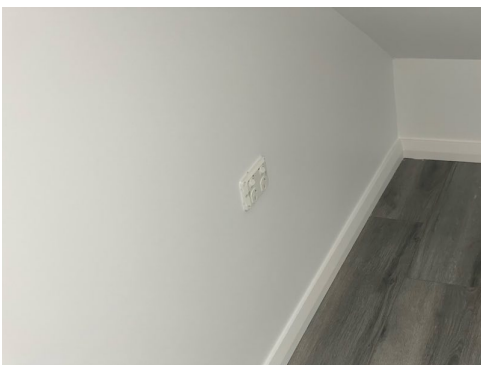
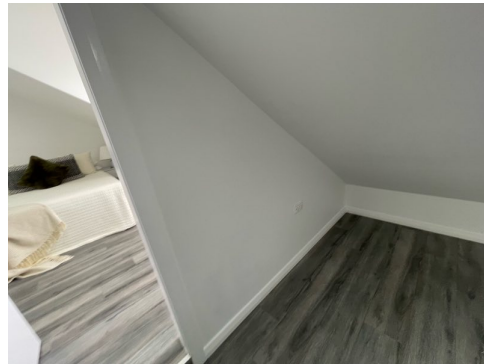
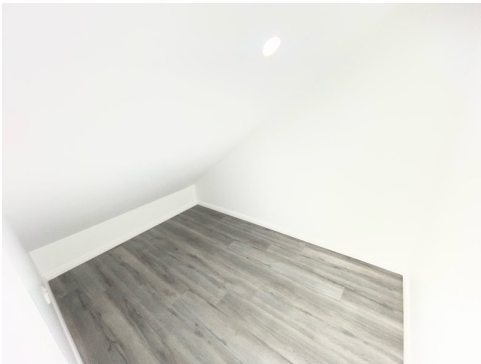
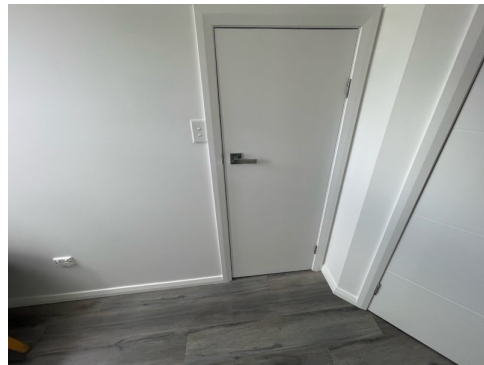


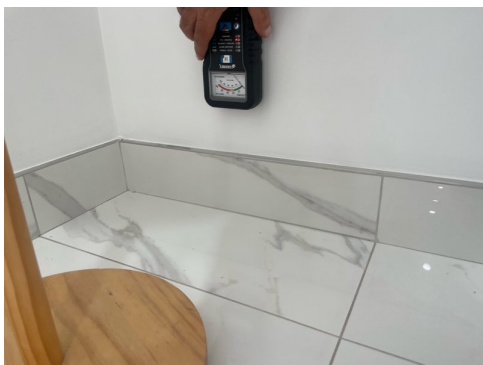
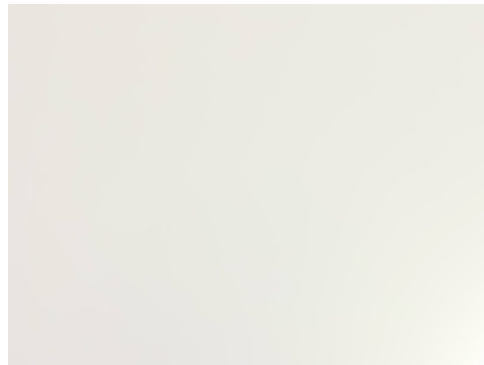


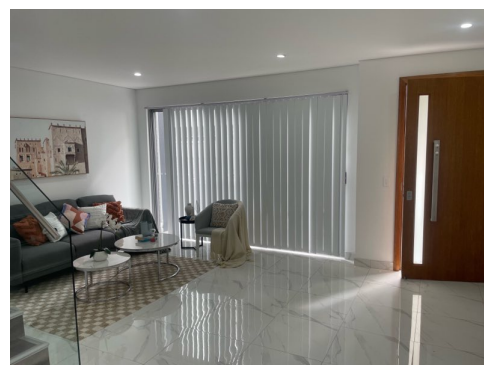
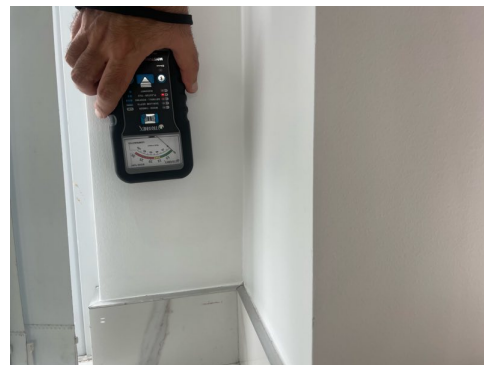


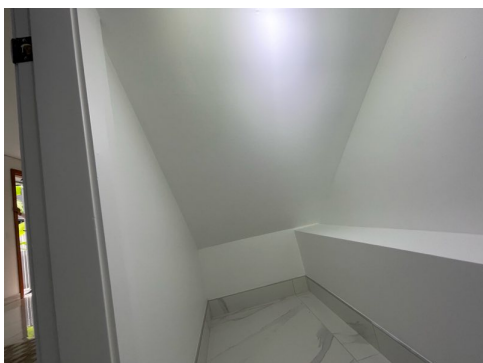
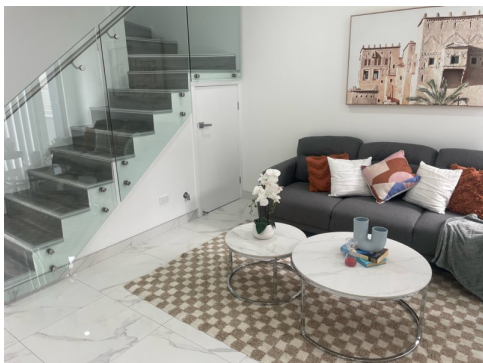












Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: Basement

Finding: Unit Parking Area Photo Reference

Information: The attached photograph illustrates the unit parking storage areas. This image is provided for reference purposes only to show the general location and condition of these areas at the time of inspection.

No assessment or comment regarding defects has been made in relation to this section. The photograph is included solely for the client's information and visual record.



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 ² (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm ² (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.