



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2026

Property Address: 16 The Dress Cir, Athelstone SA 5076,  
Australia



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## The Parties

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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

#### Overall Condition (Building)

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

#### 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
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete, Part Slab and Part Subfloor
Furnished	Unfurnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	West
Other Building Elements	Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Footpath, Retaining Walls, Pergola, Shed
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Fascias, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Skirting Boards, Staircase, Porch / Patio, Doors, Door Frames, Window Frames, Veranda Posts
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Tiled
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
Weather	Fine

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- The Site
- Interior
- Roof Void - Part
- Wall Exterior

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Outside of the fencing.
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.

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

- Fixed ceilings
- Floor coverings
- Ceiling linings
- Insulation
- External finished ground level
- Landscaping
- External concrete or paving
- Solar Panels
- Wall linings

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

### Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

### Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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

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

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

No evidence was found

### Major Defect

#### Finding 2.01

Building: Building 1  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Stormwater drain - Not connected  
 Information: The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.



#### Finding 2.02

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Roof Exterior  
 Finding: Roof plumbing - Flashing cracked  
 Information: Water leaks generally occur when a particular area of the property is not weather or water tight. Cracks were evident to the lead roof flashings at the time of inspection.

Regardless of the location, if left unmanaged, even minor leaks can lead to serious damage of associated building elements, potentially resulting in the need for

replacement of building materials. Damage to ceilings, wood rot, mould and other hazards, such as electrical hazards, may also arise if left unmanaged.

The cause of the water leak should be identified and addressed immediately to prevent further damage. The water leak should be resolved prior to any repairs of the damaged area, which may require localised replacement of building materials and refinishing.

Further inspection by a qualified carpenter or licensed plumber is advised to adequately rectify the potential leak. Sealing the cracks should be adequate.



### Finding 2.03

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Ceiling sagging - garage
Information:	Sections of the ceiling were found to have sagging evident to the garage ceiling at time of inspection.

Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building materials have swollen, due to contact with water, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment.

This is a very common defect in carports due to their lack of insulation and or their

susceptibility to moisture. Condensation builds up in the roof and rests on the plasterboard softening it somewhat which makes it more likely to sag and release from its fixing points.

Repairs to the ceiling will be required and should be carried out by licensed builders, plasterers and painters in the short term. Fixing battens to the ceiling can be a good short term repair especially adjacent to roller doors.

Insulating the area is also highly recommended.



**Finding 2.04**

Building: Building 1

Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Trusses - Nail plate back out  
Information: There were several nail plates showing evidence of backing out of their original positions on timber roof trusses at the time of inspection.

This could be due to one or more of several reasons including faulty nail plates, varying moisture levels, and slight movement of timber elements. Secondary defects can be created, ranging from damage to ceiling linings through to structural failure.

The issue appears to be effecting approximately 10 nail plates however more may become apparent with minimal back out evident usually less than 2mm and as such, repair is possible.

A structural engineer would be required to provide recommendations to be carried out by a licensed builder ASAP to prevent any further deterioration and to prevent a hazard being created.





## Finding 2.05

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Shower - Damp
Information:	Damp is evident to the lower 700mm of wall to the shower alcove.

This defect is quite common, and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating through the tiling, grouting and or sealant in this area, which shows evidence of deterioration.

Leaking pipes within the adjoining wall is also a possible cause however it seems unlikely in this instance as there was no high readings around the taps.

Damp (or structural damp) refers to the presence of unwanted moisture in the structure of a building, either as the result of intrusion from outside, or condensation from within the structure.

In the shower area, internal water leaks or other sources of excessive moisture are generally the cause of damp.

Unmanaged damp in the shower recess is likely to facilitate the formation and development of mould and fungi growth, decaying associated building materials and compromising their structural integrity. High moisture around timber elements also creates an environment that is conducive to termite activity.

Further investigation would likely uncover currently concealed defects.

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

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





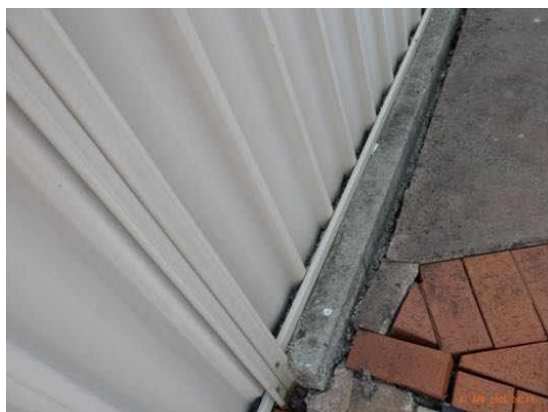
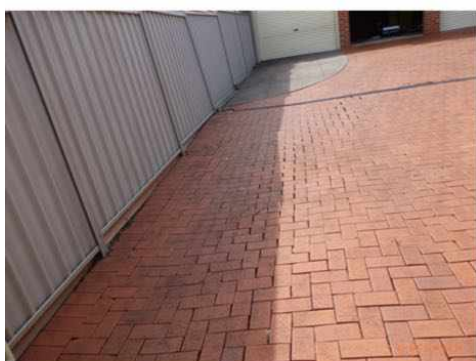
## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Retaining wall - Defective
Information:	The retaining wall in this area was found to be defective at the time of inspection. Generally, defective retaining walls are caused by poor original design or material use. However, deteriorated retaining walls may also be a result of substandard construction, poor site drainage or unmanaged stormwater flows.

If left unmanaged, the retaining wall may become a safety hazard if it continues to destabilise. Where retaining walls further rot and decay, an environment is created that is conducive to termite and pest infestation.

Significant repair and replacement should be expected. Where retaining walls are considered structural walls, a structural engineer / surveyor should be consulted regarding required remedial works. Otherwise, a landscaper or retaining wall installer may be appointed to repair or replace the wall, at the discretion of the client.



### Finding 3.02

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Back
Finding:	Fencing - Deteriorated
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing throughout the property have deteriorated. Typically fencing deteriorates due to age and or wear, rot and or rust which is generally expected for a structure of this age, due to prolonged exposure to weather conditions. Sometimes inadequate installation or maintenance can be to blame.

If left unattended, it is likely that further damage will occur. It is suspected that repair of several elements of the fencing may be required however replacement may be a consideration of the client also.

A licensed fencing contractor should be appointed to provide further advice and perform rectification works as necessary.



### Finding 3.03

Building:	Building 1
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Paving - Uneven
Information:	Sections of the external paved area surrounding the building are uneven, creating a potential trip hazard.

Where paving creates a trip hazard, personal injury may ensue if due caution is not taken by persons within this area.

Movement paving is likely due to heavy traffic from vehicles and potentially poor installation. The slope of the paved driveway is another likely contributing factor.

Re-paving of the area is required as soon as possible to remedy this situation. Further consultation with a specialist paving contractor is advised and works will likely be extensive.



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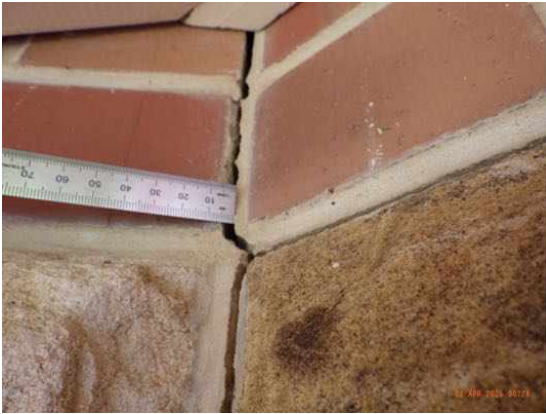
Building: Building 1  
Location: Exterior walls  
Finding: Brickwork - Cracking [Fine]  
Information: There were fine cracks evident to the external brickwork at the time of inspection. several cracks were identified between the stone facing and brickwork, and most of these measure less than 1 mm however there were several slightly larger cracks up to 3 mm wide.

Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between brickwork and mortar throughout the structure, but single bricks may also show cracks of this nature.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor filling and should be conducted by a qualified bricklayer.

Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen lengthen or become more numerous.







### Finding 3.05

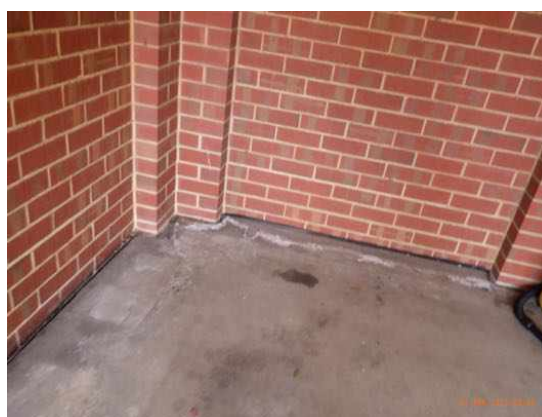
Building:	Building 1
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Slab edge - Efflorescence
Information:	Efflorescence appears to be affecting the concrete around the side of the garage.

Efflorescence typically occurs when excess salts within the concrete or cement mortar is leached to the surface due to water transfer.

It is typically seen as white salt deposits on the surfaces of concrete pavement and spalling on the face of the concrete.

Generally, soluble salt deposits can be removed by dry brushing with a stiff-bristled brush. Repeated dry brushing is an ideal treatment for eliminating this forming of efflorescence. A cleaning contractor or general handyperson may be appointed to perform these works at the discretion of the client.

Always contact a building inspector should efflorescence get significantly worse.





### Finding 3.06

Building:	Building 1
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Cracking - Damage Category 1 - Fine (up to 1mm)
Information:	There were fine cracks evident to the walls and ceilings throughout the dwelling at the time of inspection.

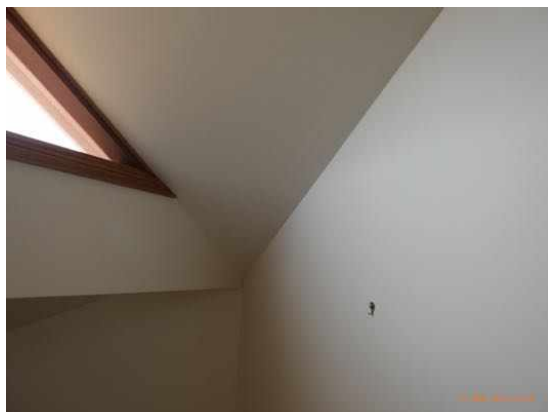
Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between building materials and finishes (e.g. paint, plaster, etc.) along joins.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor sanding, filling and/or repainting. Such works should be performed by a qualified painter or a general handyman.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.







### Finding 3.07

Building:	Building 1
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Rusted or corroded
Information:	The guttering to the garage has rust evident along with some rusting evident to the rear veranda and downpipes of the house.

Likely contributing factors for premature rusting of gutters include but not limited to buildup of leaf debris or lack of maintenance.

Poorly drained roof areas will also lead to damp conditions surrounding the base perimeter of the building which, if left unmanaged, can lead to a range of secondary

building defects.

Repair and/or replacement of rusted roof plumbing is highly required in order to reinstate the roof drainage system to a fully operational level. To further maintain these areas, gutters should be cleaned frequently, allowing the avoidance of any partial blockages.

A licensed roof plumber or specialist roof restoration company should be appointed to undertake repair works prior to leaks becoming evident.





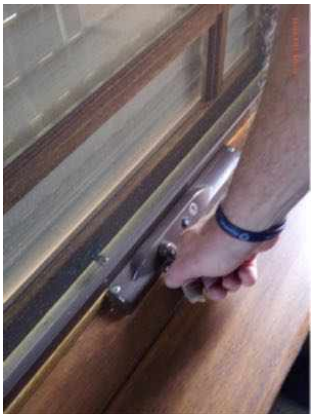
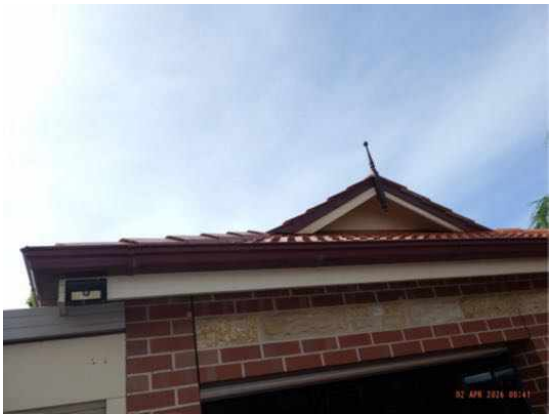
### Finding 3.08

Building:	Building 1
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Minor defects present
Information:	Minor defects were evident throughout the dwelling at the time of inspection, which are consistent with normal wear and tear and considered appropriate for a property of this age.

These defects are typical of ongoing material ageing, settlement, and general use over time, and include, but are not limited to:

- Minor deteriorated exterior paint
- Wood rot to left side veranda post
- Some windows jamming on frame
- Crack to vanity basin
- Rangehood deteriorated

While these defects are not considered structurally significant at present, they should be addressed as part of routine and ongoing property maintenance to prevent further deterioration. Repairs and maintenance works should be carried out by appropriately licensed and qualified tradespeople to ensure the continued serviceability and longevity of the dwelling.





### **Live Timber Pest Activity**

No evidence was found

### **Timber Pest Damage**

No evidence was found

### **Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity**

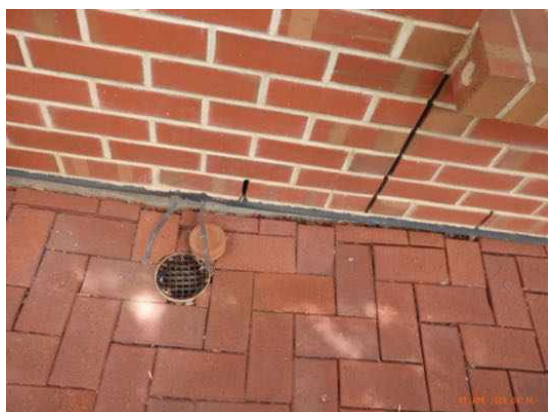
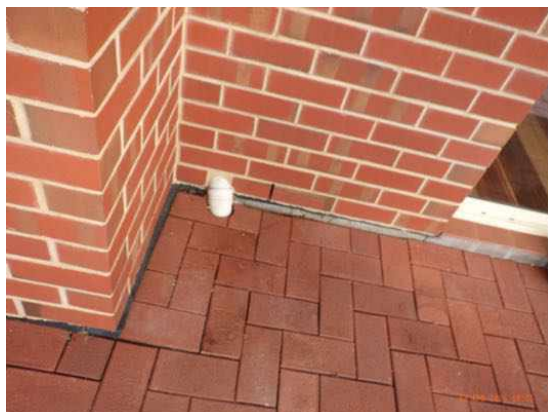
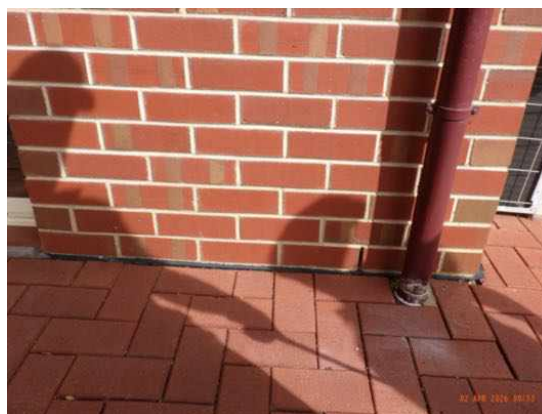
#### **Finding 6.01**

Building: Building 1  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Slab Edge - Exposure  
Information: An inspection zone of at least 75mm in relation to the exposed slab edge, between the bottom brick and the perimeter pavement, is required. This inspection zone should be maintained in order to force termites into the open where they can be detected more readily during regular inspections. The slab edge should not be concealed by anything that may prevent inspection of the area, including render, landscaping, soil, turf, paving, concrete cladding or other structures.

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

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





## Finding 6.02

Building:	Building 1
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. Additionally any timber lying around or timber stumps should be removed.

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. Failing this close monitoring is recommended in an attempt to identify termite infestation at an early stage.



**Finding 6.03**

Building: Building 1  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Air conditioner and or external tap - No drainage

Information:

Moisture around the perimeter of the building should be minimised to ensure that the area is kept dry and stable which in turn reduces the risk of water damage and termite infestation.

There appears to be no drainage points set up to the air conditioning unit, and or the external tap. While this is not a legal requirement it is recommended to reduce the risk of moisture related issues and the creation of an environment conducive to termite activity.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to set up drainage in order to prevent such an environment from being created.



## Finding 6.04

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Regular maintenance
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant and grout has small areas of deterioration evident to the shower alcove at the time of inspection.

Silicone and grout generally need repair at least every 5 years and as such close monitoring should be carried out in the future after repairs are carried out.

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.

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 6.05

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Front Elevation
Finding:	Gaps in footpath
Information:	Gaps in the external paving at several locations around the dwelling were identified at the time of inspection.

It is likely that this movement has occurred for several reasons. Possible contributing factors include substandard installation or base preparation, reactive clay soils, stormwater issues or retaining issues.

With reactive clay soils, it is extremely important to ensure that all stormwater flows including roof and ground flows are contained and continually maintained.

A licensed paving contractor may be required to Fill the gap between the pavement and the buildings which is recommended in the short term to prevent unwanted moisture accessing the foundation.





### **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

- As identified in summary and defect statements

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

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

- The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation to this property appears to be High.

See notes below.

The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation is a subjective assessment by the inspector at the time of the inspection taking into account many factors which include but are in no way limited to location and proximity to bush land and trees, the presence of evidence of timber pest damage or activity close to the inspected structure or within the inspected structure, conducive conditions that raise the potential of timber pest attack such as timbers in contact with soil, water leaks, inaccessible areas, or other factors that in the inspectors opinion, raise the risk of future timber pest attack. It should be noted that even if a risk factor is high, this is not meant to deter a purchaser from purchasing the property, it is just to make them aware that increased vigilance is warranted and any recommendations regarding reducing conducive conditions or frequency of inspections should be headed by any property owner. Often, by reducing or eliminating some of the conducive conditions, the risk factor may be lowered.

A management program in accord with AS 3660-2000 to protect against subterranean termites is considered to be: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

#### FUTURE INSPECTIONS.

AS 3660.2-2000 recommends that inspections be carried out at intervals no greater than annually and where timber pest "pressure" is greater, the intervals should be shortened.

Inspections will not stop timber pest infestations, however the damage which may be caused will be reduced if found at an early stage.

#### RECOMMENDED INSPECTION INTERVALS.

12 Months

Regarding the Building Report In summary the dwelling is in acceptable condition with major and minor defects when compared to other properties of a similar age and construction that have been reasonably well maintained.

Issues to address immediately include  
Address rust to roof plumbing and cracks to flashings  
Repair roof truss nail plates back out  
Re connect stormwater drain  
Repair garage ceiling.  
Repair sealant and grout to bathrooms.

Monitor retaining wall to left side.

Any minor defects can be resolved at the client's discretion however work should not be neglected as further deterioration may occur.

Several limitations and obstructions impeded the inspection and if it all feasible should be removed so further inspection may be performed

Indicative photos below depict some of the obstructions that we encountered.

Please read the report in its entirety and follow recommendations to ensure the longevity of the dwelling.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Andrew Skinner on: 0407 186 380

### Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference.

#### Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
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.













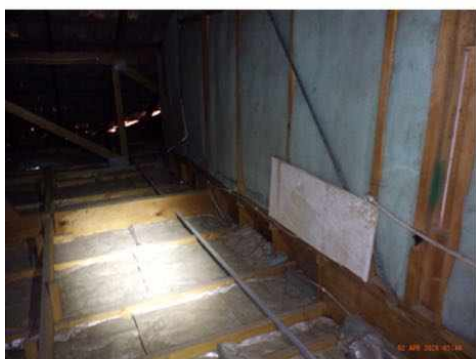
### Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Insulation - Reduced in volume  
 Information: Insulation in many older homes Deteriorate or sink over time reducing their effectiveness. Modern insulations provide a much better insulation than older forms. Well technically not a defect. This is noted for your information.

It is advised that this insulation be checked by a licensed insulation installer however it is likely another layer will be required.

This will ensure that the property is adequately insulated and will promote an increase

in energy efficiency within the property. An insulation contractor should be appointed to provide further advice on replacement options and to perform works as necessary.



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

### Noted Item

Building:	Building 1
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Evidence of a previous termite management system was identified
Information:	There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter box) observable physical barriers installed to building perimeter and in ground reticulation systems.

In this instance there appears to be an inground reticulation system which gets pumped up periodically to ensure adequate chemical treatment of the dwelling.

Where a Termite Management System has been identified you should refer to the type of barrier date of installation warranty conditions and any documentation provided by a builder or past owner.

Consult the company who installed the barrier to confirm whether the system is still under warranty.

Most chemical termite management systems expire and require replenishment and all physical systems are primarily designed to prevent concealed entry.



## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Conditions Conducive to Termite Activity	Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Termites.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Instrument Testing	Where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments: (a) electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements (b) stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements (c) probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g. bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees and (d) sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object. (e) T3I - an instrument used to detect movement, moisture and changes in temperature within timber
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried

	out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Commercial).
Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.
Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Subterranean Termite Management Proposal	A written proposal in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 to treat a known subterranean termite infestation and/or manage the risk of concealed subterranean termite access to buildings and structures.
Termites	Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Isoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.
Tests	Additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be

particularly susceptible to attack by Termites. Instrument Testing of those areas and other visible accessible timbers/materials/areas showing evidence of attack was performed.

Timber Pest Activity	Tell-tale signs associated with 'active' (live) and/or 'inactive' (absence of live) Timber Pests at the time of inspection.
Timber Pest Attack	Timber Pest Activity and/or Timber Pest Damage.
Timber Pest Damage	Noticeable impairments to the integrity of timber and other susceptible materials resulting from an attack by Timber Pests.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazards	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

## Terms on which this report was prepared

This report is based on the condition of the property at the time of inspection. We strongly recommend re-inspection 30 days after this report is issued as the general condition of the property is likely to have changed, including the extent of defects described and instance of potential undetected defects.

This report has been prepared in accordance with and subject to the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties, which forms part of this Report.

*This Report is prepared for the client identified above and may not be relied on by any other person without our express permission or by the purchase of this Report on our website.*

SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCOPE, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IN YOUR PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND THIS REPORT

Any of the exclusions or limitations identified for this Report may be the subject of a special-purpose inspection which we recommend being undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

This report has been prepared based on conditions at the time of the report.

We own the copyright in this report and may make it available to third parties.

If your Property is in the Australian Capital Territory, you acknowledge we will make certain information about this Report available to the ACT Government for inclusion in the building and pest inspections public register if required under the *Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003*. This will include the fact the report has been prepared, the Property street address, date of the inspection, the name of the person who prepared the report and (if applicable) the entity that employs them.

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

If this Report has identified a medium or high-risk rating for undetected defects, we strongly recommend a further inspection of areas that were inaccessible. This may include an invasive inspection that requires the removal or cutting of walls, floors or ceilings.

*If the Property has been vacant for a period of time, moisture levels or leaks may not be detectable at the time of the inspection because often only frequent use of water pipes (showers, taps etc) result in a leak being identifiable. We advise further testing on pipes and water susceptible areas (such as the bathroom and laundry) after more frequent use has occurred.*

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

**This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician.** We recommend a special-purpose

report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

**This is not a smoke alarm report.** We recommend all existing detectors in the Property be tested and advice sought as to the suitability of number, placement and operation.

**This is not an asbestos report.** There are potential products in the Property containing asbestos that will not be identified in this report. In order to accurately identify asbestos, we recommend performing an asbestos inspection, particularly for buildings built prior to 1988.

**This is not a report on safety glass.** Glazing in older homes may not reflect current standards and may cause significant injury if damaged. Exercise caution around the glass in older homes.

**This is not a report on window opening restrictions.** We have not inspected window opening restrictors. Window openings in older buildings may not reflect current standards and can be a potential risk. Window opening restrictors are advised for all second story or above windows with sill heights below 900mm. Some states make this a mandatory requirement. Owners should enquire of their local and state requirements to ensure compliance.

**This is not a report on pool safety.** If a swimming pool is present it should be the subject to a special purpose pool inspection.

**External Timber Structures - Balcony and Decks.** It is strongly recommended that a Structural Engineer is required to assess distributed load capacity of external timber structures such as balconies and decks, alerting users of the load capacity. Regular maintenance and inspections by competent practitioners to assess the ongoing durability of exposed external timber structures are needed.

**This is not a Group Titled Property Report as per AS4349.2.** If you require a report for a Group Titled Property as per this standard, please seek a separate inspection for Group Titled Properties.

## MOISTURE

The identification of moisture, dampness or the evidence of water penetration is dependent on the weather conditions at the time an inspection. The absence of dampness identified in this Report does not necessarily mean the Property will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions or that roofs, walls or wet areas are watertight.

Where the evidence of water penetration is identified we recommend detailed investigation of waterproofing in the surrounding area monitoring of the affected area over a period of time to fully detect and assess the cause of dampness.

## MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

This Report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the Property in the future. Accordingly, a preventative maintenance program should be implemented which includes systematic inspections, detection and prevention of issues. Please contact the inspector who carried out this inspection for further advice.

It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of

conditions conducive to timber pest activity. Undertaking thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months (or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high or the building type is susceptible to attack). To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attack, implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical barrier. However, AS3660 stresses that subterranean termites can bridge or breach barrier systems and inspection zones and those thorough regular inspections of the building are necessary.

### **NO CERTIFICATION**

- a) The Property has been compared to others of a similar age, construction type and method that had an acceptable level of basic maintenance completed.
- b) We don't advise you about title, ownership or other legal matters like easements, restrictions, covenants and planning laws. None of our inspections constitutes approval by a Building Surveyor, a certificate of occupancy or compliance with any law, regulation or standard, including any comment on whether the Property complies with current Australian Standards, Building Regulations or other legislative requirements.

### **RECTIFICATION COSTS**

We don't provide advice on the costs of rectification or repair unless specifically identified in the scope of the Report. Any cost advice provided verbally or in this report must be taken as of a general nature and is not to be relied on. Actual costs depend on the quality of materials, the standard of work, what price a contractor is prepared to do the work for and may be contingent on approvals, delays and unknown factors associated with third parties. No liability is accepted for costing advice.