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Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Thu, 19 Mar 2026

Property Address: 3 Irene Ct, Cheltenham VIC 3192, Australia



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Special conditions or instructions

If you have any queries with this report or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the person who carried out the inspection.

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

Original Inspection Date: Thu, 19 Mar 2026

The Parties

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Special conditions or instructions

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

The following apply: Not Applicable

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
Safety Hazard	✓	
Major Defect	✓	
Minor Defect	✓	

Overall Condition

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in the condition documented in this report.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Concrete Stumps, Timber Stumps, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	South West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Pergola
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Door Frames, Doors, Architraves, Deck, Skirting Boards, Floorboards, Window Frames
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Overcast

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Interior

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions or where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and building defects may not be obvious unless obstructions or unsafe conditions are removed to provide access.

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Subfloor due to lack of access.

Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected building defects. The client is strongly advised to make arrangements to access inaccessible areas urgently wherever possible.

Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects may be concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling cavity inspection was obstructed by approximately 50% due to obstructions like insulation, ducting and poor clearance or access restrictions.
- Decking
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture

- Landscaping
- Rugs
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.
- Subfloor was not able to be inspected - there was no access to this area.
- Vegetation covered approximately 25% of the area for inspection.

The presence of obstructions increases the risk of undetected defects. The client should make arrangement to remove obstructions where ever possible and re-inspect these areas as a matter of urgency. See also overall risk rating for undetected defects.

Undetected defect risk

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 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

Defects 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Lounge Room
Finding:	Fireplace
Information:	It is beyond the scope of this inspection report to comment on fireplaces, we recommend a professional chimney sweep check the safety of this fireplace prior to use.



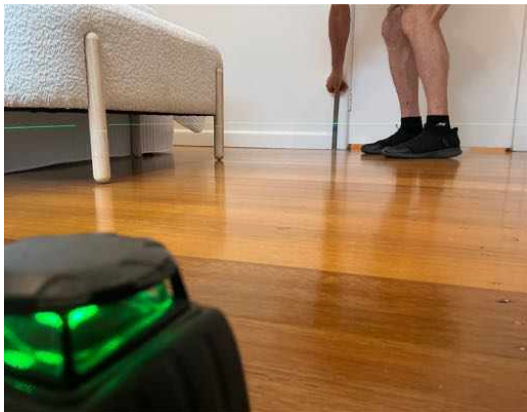
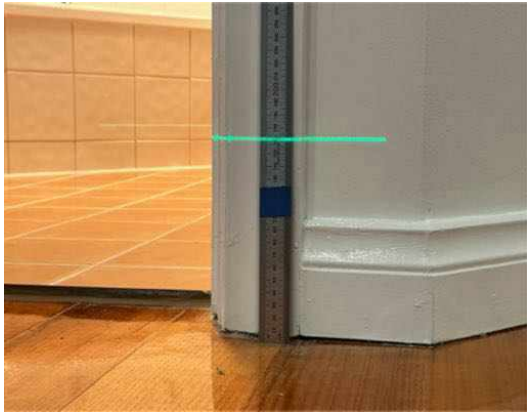
Major Defect

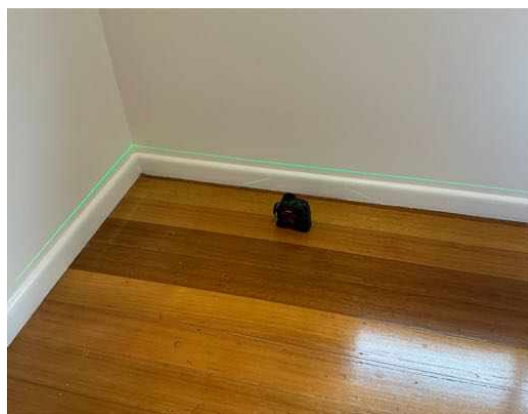
Defects 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Flooring - Uneven
Information:	The internal flooring in this area is out of level and uneven. Uneven flooring is likely to indicate minor defects such as expected movement of the foundations of the property, but may also indicate subsidence of the associated subfloor stumps.

It is advised that the flooring be closely monitored to identify any further movement. Where flooring remains relatively unchanged for an extended period of time (i.e. several months), it is likely that this defect has been caused by expected movement of the foundations of the property.

However, where flooring is uneven further, potentially invasive inspection of the subfloor structures and stumps in this area is required. In this case, works to repair are likely to be required, and would be carried out by a registered builder specialising in re-stumping.





Defects 2.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Timber stumps - Suspected deterioration
Information:	It was noted that the property has timber stumps. Inspection of the condition of the timber stumps - below the surface of the ground - is excluded from the scope of this report. However, it is suspected that several timber stumps are deteriorating, evidenced by secondary defects such as uneven flooring, visually-observable subsidence or major cracking within the property. Even without these secondary defects, deteriorated stumps may still be present.

Where timber stumps are failing, a high degree of maintenance or even replacement of stumps may be required in the short- to medium-term future. It is probable that there is some degree of wood rot or deterioration beginning to occur in areas that are currently inaccessible for inspection. Timber stumps are no longer used in current building practices due to their susceptibility to wood rot and deterioration over a prolonged period of time.

The client should be prepared that in purchasing a property with timber stumps, that the need to restump the property in the short- to medium-term future is highly likely, which involves expensive works.

A registered builder specialising in re-stumping may be appointed to provide a more invasive inspection of the timber stumps and provide estimates on any works that may be required.



Minor Defect

Defects 3.01

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Door - Gap

Information: A significant gap was identified between the door and door frame in this area. Where large gaps to the head or foot of door frames appear, it may indicate a variety of defects, ranging from uneven framework, sagging hinges or uneven flooring.

A gap to the head of the door may also indicate movement of the foundation of the property, which is a common occurrence and does not indicate structural damage.

A qualified carpenter should be appointed to perform remedial works to restore the door to a fully operational level.





Defects 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Lounge Room
Finding:	Door - Binding/jamming
Information:	Binding and/or jamming of this door is evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected door as well as creating potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering.

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

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

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



Defects 3.03

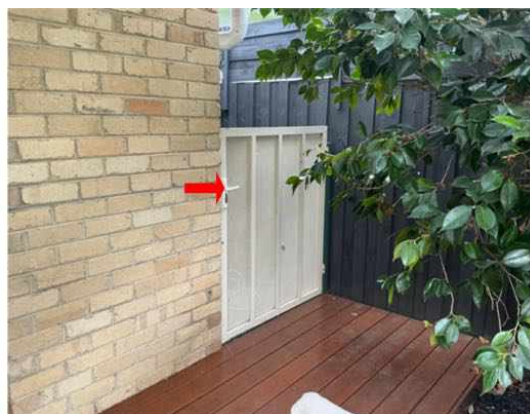
Building:	Main Building
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Location:	Exterior walls - left side
Finding:	Sticking or jamming
Information:	Building elements which are sticking or jamming are difficult to operate and don't function as intended. There are a variety of causes for sticking and jamming.

The most usual causes are swelling of timbers due to moisture, bulging or bowing of metal frames, or general material deterioration. Generally, sticking and jamming building elements indicate that their frames are uneven or out of level, generally as result of movement to surrounding walls and floors.

Easement will be required, which usually depends on the building materials used. This may involve some sanding and/or application of a lubricant. It will almost always include ensuring the areas are cleaned and free of any debris that may be detrimental to their operational state.

Appointment of a carpenter or general handyman is recommended to rectify any sticking/jamming building elements.



Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Alfresco
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack, fungal growth and wood decay. Excessive moisture is generally caused by deteriorated, inadequate or missing roof drainage, leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures, poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage. It is highly recommended that all plumbing and drainage fixtures and fittings be maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the external / internal property.



Defects 3.05

Building: Main Building

Location: Bedroom

Finding: Window- Broken handle

Information: The window handle 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 be indicative of impact damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of the broken handle is advised to improve the operational state of the associated window

A qualified carpenter or general handyman should be appointed to repair/replace the handle at the client's discretion.



Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Floors - bouncy
Information:	The internal flooring in this area was identified as being bouncy at the time of inspection. A bouncy floor surface generally presents as a discernible change in level as they are walked across, in noisy or creaking flooring, or in consequent movement of surrounding furniture and fixtures.

Bouncy floors generally indicate that the floorboards or the subfloor structures are coming loose from the joists that they are installed on. Bouncy flooring may also be the result of gaps between flooring and stumps or joist structures, which require packing.

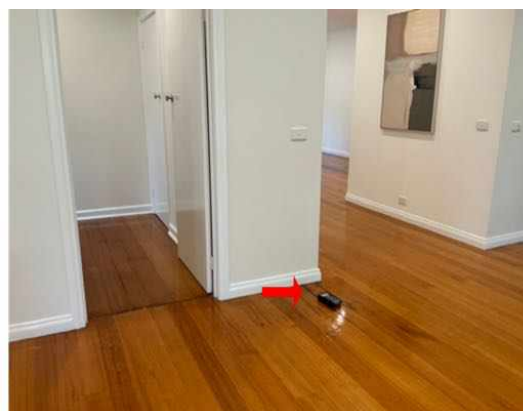
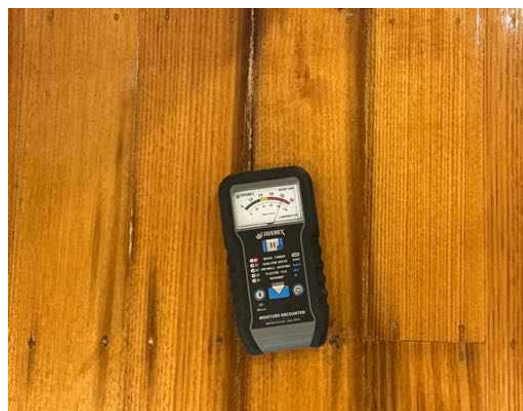
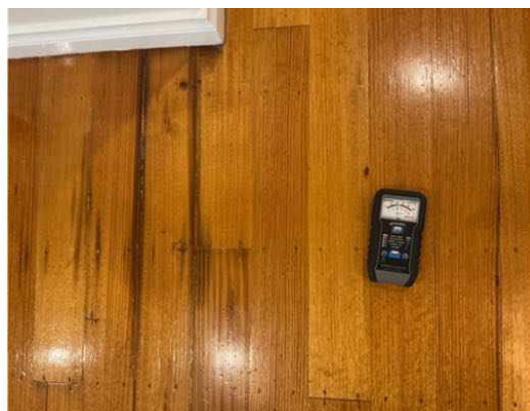
The client is advised to seek quotations for required repairs from a Registered Builder specialising in re-stumping. The potential resolution may range from packing gaps in subfloor structures through to replacement of subfloors stumps and refixing of flooring.



Defects 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Lounge Room

Finding: Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
 Information: Excessive moisture was found in this area, further investigation is required in order to determine the cause of this excess moisture



Defects 3.08

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Areas
 Finding: Heating / Cooling Ducts - damaged
 Information: The heating/cooling ducts were found to be damaged and not at a fully operational level. Generally, damage to ducts occurs as a result of aging and material deterioration, but impact damage or pest damage may also be the underlying cause.

The damage sustained by the ducts detracts from the energy efficiency of the property. The airflow within the property is likely to be restricted, particularly in areas where ducting shows signs of major damage.

A heating/cooling specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on remedial work options and to perform any works deemed necessary.



Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Licensed Plumber specialising in Roof Plumbing
- Registered/Licensed Builder

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

- On inspection, a major defect, some minor defects and maintenance items were found as listed in the report. Please use this report as a maintenance list to rectify the defects found.

Please be aware that without attention, some minor defects may become major defects.

The major defect is uneven flooring throughout that was found to be well beyond tolerance for a building of this construction method. A specialist Restumping expert will be able to assess the subfloor structures and recommend and quote on any Restumping/stabilization works required.

There was no access to the subfloor at the time of inspection therefore the condition of the subfloor could not be ascertained.

Timber Stumps could be glimpsed to subfloor of the front part of the house through subfloor vents, uneven flooring. It is suspected that these timbers don't have deteriorated over the time and will need to be replaced. Timber Stumps are always considered a major defect as they will need to be replaced in the short term.

There was no evidence of a previous termite treatment, we recommend a preventative timber pest treatment to all Properties of this construction method.

Please read the report in full and contact me with any questions.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Vince Paterno on: 0498 110 155

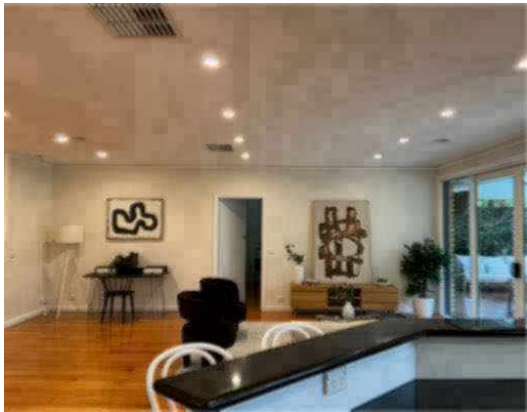
Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Additional Photos and Obstructions and Limitations
Information: These are additional photographs and photographs of the obstructions and limitations inside and outside (furniture, landscaping etc) which may impede full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and may be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection may be made if clients require once the areas are made accessible.













Noted Item

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

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

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



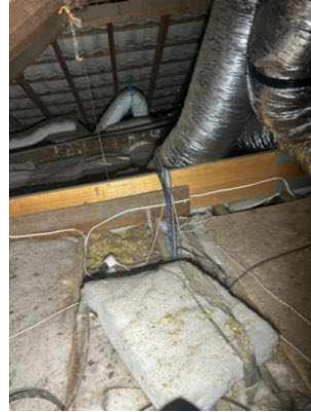
Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Appliances
Finding: Warranty - Expired
Information: Where appliances are beyond their warranty period, the owner should be prepared to meet the cost of replacement or repair of the item at any time. The operation of the appliance can not be guaranteed and further inspection by an appropriately qualified tradesperson may be required.



Noted Item

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



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Roof Exterior
Finding: Additional Photos
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference





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.
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.
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.
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 a pest report. As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

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.

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.