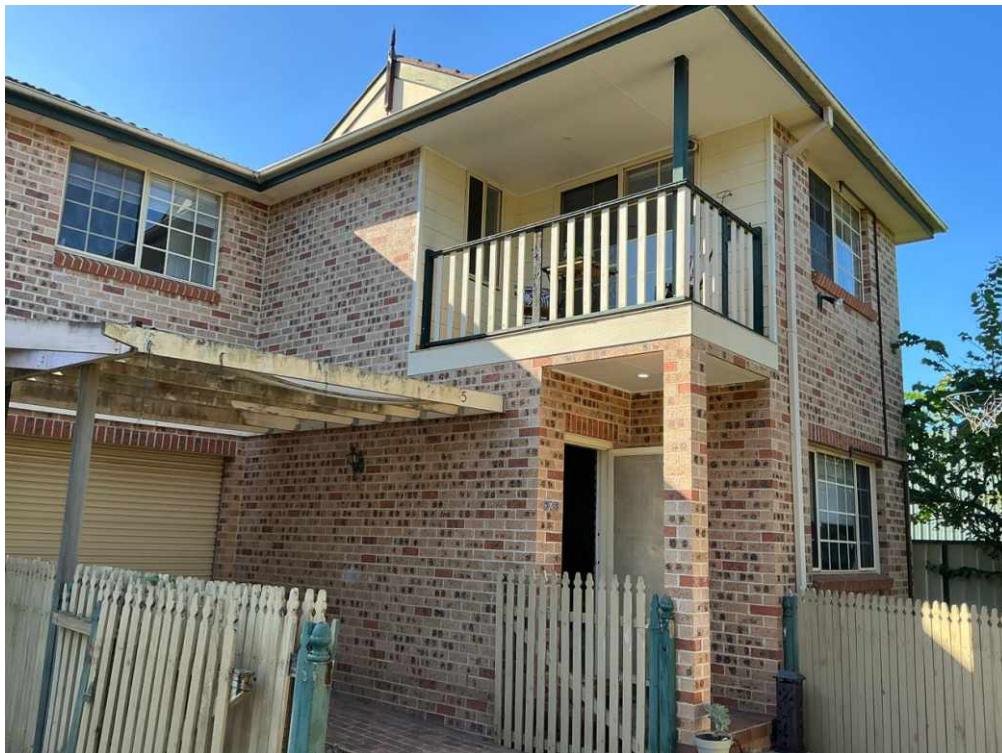




# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2026

Property Address: 5/9 Mason St, North Parramatta NSW 2151, Australia



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

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The following apply: This report must be read in conjunction with D5 Conclusion - Assessment of the overall condition of the property. The report must be read in full to clearly understand all items identified as defects in the report.

- 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. The report is only valid for 90 days, where after a re-inspection must take place.

- Where any elevated Structure (deck, balcony, verandah etc) is present, and this elevated structure is designed to accommodate people, you **MUST** have this structure checked by an engineer or other suitably qualified person.

You should also arrange annual inspections of the structure by an engineer or other suitably qualified person to ensure any maintenance, that may become necessary, is identified. Care must be taken not to overload the structure.

Nothing contained in this report should be taken as an indicator that an assessment has been made, on any elevated structure, as suitable for any specific number of people or purpose. This can only be done by a qualified engineer. For the purpose of this report, the Structure includes elevated decks, verandah, pergolas, balconies, handrails, stairs and children's play areas.

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

### Overall Condition (Building)

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

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Townhouse
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Concrete
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South
Other Building Elements	Carport, Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Footpath, Garage, Shed
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, External Joinery, Floating Floor, Internal Joinery, Doors, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Staircase, Window Frames
Roof	Tiled, Pitched
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer, Full Brick
Weather	Fine

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Fencing
- Gardens
- Interior
- Landscaping Timbers
- Roof Void - Part
- The Site
- Trees
- 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 - Part.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- 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
- Ceiling linings
- Duct work
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Overhanging vegetation
- Pipework
- Roof framing - not trafficable
- Sarking
- Stored items
- 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: **Medium**

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

#### Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Window/s - Cracked
Information:	At the time of the inspection, cracks were identified in the glazing in this area of the property.

Cracking in glazing is generally the result of impact damage, and is likely to develop further when left unmanaged. The likelihood of this window pane further cracking and shattering is increased exponentially, providing a safety hazard in the area. The cracked window also impairs the weather tightness of the building, creating potential for minor water leaks.

A qualified glazier is required to repair the window as soon as possible. Depending on the extent of the cracking, replacement of the window may be required. Please be advised that any persons coming into contact with the cracked window should do so with due caution to avoid any personal injury that may ensue.



#### Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Exposed Wiring
Information:	At the time of inspection, wiring was observed to be exposed and not properly concealed. Exposed wiring presents a safety hazard, as it may be susceptible to damage, accidental contact, and potential electrical risks.

It is recommended that all wiring, whether electrical or communication/cable wiring, be properly enclosed and secured to ensure safety and compliance with acceptable

standards. Where the wiring is electrical in nature, a licensed electrician should be engaged to assess and rectify the installation. For non-electrical wiring, a suitably qualified handyman may be engaged to neatly conceal and secure the wiring in a professional manner.



### Finding 1.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas Upstairs
Finding:	Window Restrictors - Recommended
Information:	Upstairs windows did not have window restrictors installed. Although not a requirement at the time of construction, it is advisable to install window opening restrictors on all second storey windows with sill heights below 1.7 meter and potential fall of 2 meters or more.

If you live in a strata scheme, window safety devices must be installed on all applicable windows by 13 March 2018. Residents with safety devices installed can still fully open their windows but it's recommended that devices be engaged whenever children are present, to prevent falls.





### Finding 1.04

Building: Main Building

Location: Balcony

Finding: Loose Balcony Railing

Information: At the time of inspection, sections of the balcony railing were found to be loose, damaged at corner and not securely fixed to the supporting structure. Loose or unstable railings can pose a potential safety risk, particularly where there is a significant change in level adjacent to the balcony edge.

It is recommended that a qualified builder or metal fabricator be engaged to inspect the railing system, tighten or replace any inadequate fixings, and ensure the barrier is securely anchored to meet the intended performance and safety standards.





## Major Defect

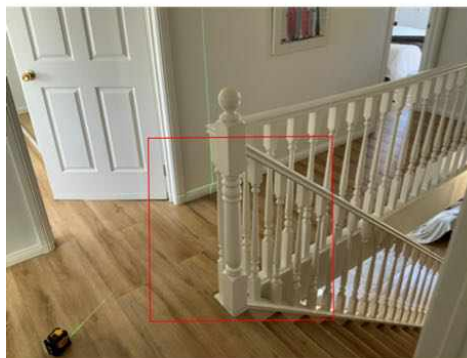
### Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Hallway Upstairs
Finding:	Flooring - Uneven
Information:	It was noted during inspection, the flooring exhibits noticeable unevenness, which may be due to floor cavity irregularities, structural movement, or improper installation.

This can result in gaps, creaking, or an unstable walking surface. While the issue may not pose an immediate structural risk, it can affect the overall durability and appearance of the flooring. Further actions are recommended such as leveling the subfloor, adjusting the flooring material, or reinforcing the underlying structure.

The client is advised to engage services of a flooring specialist at their own discretion.





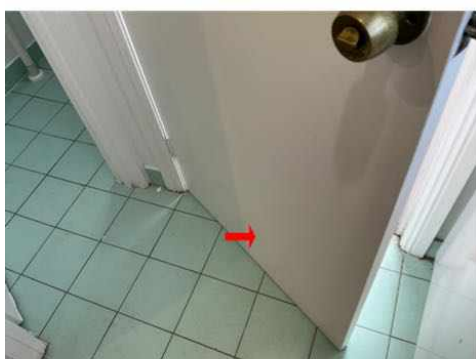
## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Door Weatherstrip - Missing
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection, the door weatherstrip was missing.

The absence of a door weatherstrip could be due to wear and tear, improper installation, or deliberate removal. The implications include increased energy loss, reduced insulation, potential water leaks during rain, and a compromised seal, allowing drafts and noise to enter the space. Replacing the missing weatherstrip is advisable to maintain energy efficiency, weather protection, and overall comfort within the enclosed area.

A general handy man should be appointed to install the weatherstrip at owners discretion.



### Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry, Bedroom 3, Bedroom 2, Master Bathroom, Master Bedroom Closet

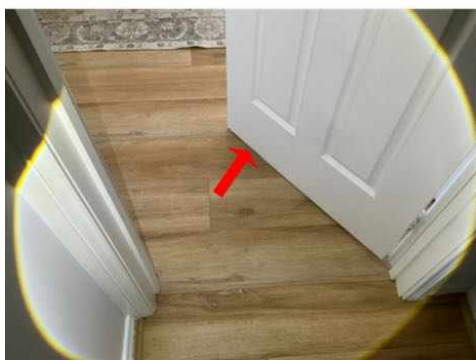
Finding: Door(s) - Binding/Jamming

Information: At the time of inspection, it was noted that the door was binding or jamming in this area.

Several factors could contribute to this issue, including swelling due to moisture, which can cause wooden doors to expand and fit tightly in the frame. Misaligned or loose hinges may also result in the door sagging or becoming misaligned, making it difficult to close. Over time, wooden doors may warp due to fluctuations in temperature or humidity, leading to improper closure.

It is recommended that a qualified carpenter or handyman be engaged to carry out the necessary repairs to ensure proper door operation.





### Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry, Kitchen
Finding:	Sealant/Grouting - Missing or Damaged
Information:	At the time of inspection, areas of missing and/or deteriorated sealant and grout were noted in this area. This condition can allow water to penetrate behind finishes, which may lead to moisture ingress, deterioration of waterproofing membranes, mould growth, and potential leaks into adjoining areas over time. If left unaddressed, this may result in costly repairs and hidden water damage.

It is recommended that a licensed plumber (or suitably qualified tradesperson experienced in wet area sealing) be engaged to assess the affected areas and reinstate compliant waterproof sealant and grout as required, ensuring all junctions are properly sealed to prevent further water ingress.

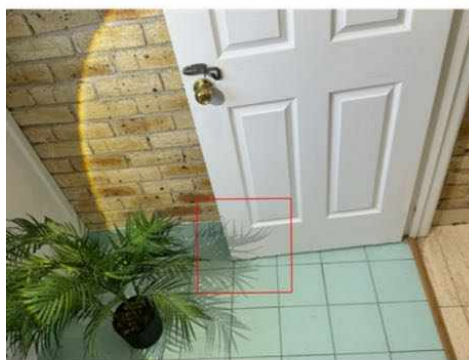


### Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Door Stopper(s) - Missing
Information:	At the time of inspection, it was noted that a door stopper was missing in this area.

The absence of a door stopper can lead to potential damage to the door, wall, or surrounding finishes, as the door may swing open too far and impact the wall or adjacent objects. Over time, this can cause dents, scuffs, or even structural damage to the wall or door. It is recommended that a door stopper be installed to prevent further damage and ensure the protection of both the door and the surrounding area.

The client is advised to engage services of a handyman to install the door stopper.



### Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Laundry - No Exhaust Fan Installed
Information:	At the time of inspection, it was noted that the laundry area is not equipped with an exhaust fan.

The absence of mechanical ventilation in a confined space such as a laundry can lead to the accumulation of excess moisture and humidity, particularly during the use of washing machines and dryers. Over time, this can result in condensation build-up on walls and ceilings, increasing the risk of mould and mildew growth, which may cause health issues such as respiratory irritation and allergies. Additionally, persistent damp

conditions can contribute to the deterioration of paint, plaster, and other building materials, potentially leading to more extensive and costly repairs.

A licensed electrician should be appointed to carry out this work to ensure the fan is installed safely and in accordance with Australian electrical standards at clients own discretion.



### Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Toilet (WC)
Finding:	Door - Water/Moisture Damage
Information:	At the time of inspection, water/moisture damage was noted on this/these door(s) within the property.

The affected doors exhibit signs of swelling, warping, and possible discolouration, which can impair their functionality and compromise their structural integrity. Prolonged exposure to moisture can cause the door material to deteriorate, leading to issues with closing and sealing, and increasing the likelihood of further damage over time. Moisture-damaged doors can also become a breeding ground for mould and mildew, which may pose health risks to occupants if left unaddressed. It is recommended that the damaged doors be repaired or replaced, and that any sources of moisture nearby be investigated and rectified to prevent recurrence.

The client is advised to engage services of a carpenter to rectify or replace the door.



**Finding 3.07**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Kitchen  
Finding: Kitchen Benchtop - Water Damage  
Information: At the time of inspection, the kitchen benchtop was noted to be water damaged, with visible swelling and deterioration of the surface material. Prolonged water exposure can weaken the structure of the benchtop and reduce its serviceability. It is recommended that a suitably qualified carpenter or kitchen installer be engaged to repair or replace the benchtop at the client's discretion.



**Finding 3.08**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Living Room  
 Finding: Tiles - Cracked (Common Areas)  
 Information: At the time of inspection, cracks and damage were noted on floor tiles in this area. The damage may have resulted from a combination of factors, including impact, poor surface preparation during installation, or minor building movement causing stress to the tiled surface. These cracks not only affect the appearance but may allow moisture to penetrate beneath the tiles, potentially leading to further deterioration over time.

It is recommended that a licensed tiler be engaged to replace them at own discretion.



### Finding 3.09

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bedroom 3  
 Finding: Maintenance and/or Wear and tear on building elements  
 Information: It was observed at the time of inspection that some building elements and areas around the property require general maintenance and/or exhibit signs of wear and tear. These typically include minor imperfections such as paint scuff marks, scratches on surfaces, small chips, nails or hooks left in walls from previous picture hanging, and other superficial blemishes.

These are generally considered minor items that are common in established homes. While they may be noticeable on visual inspection, they do not affect the structural integrity or functionality of the property. In most cases, these issues can be easily addressed by a qualified handyman as part of routine maintenance.



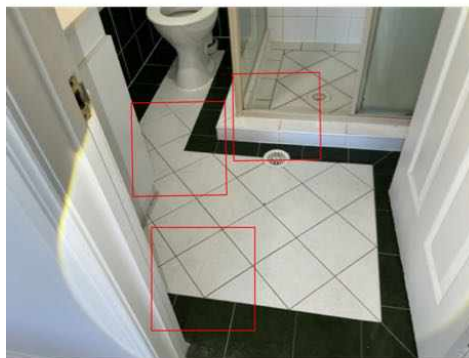
### Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom, Master Bathroom
Finding:	Tiles - Cracked and/or Damaged
Information:	At the time of inspection, cracking in the tiles was evident in this area. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of minor settlement or material shrinkage.

While the cracking appears to be minor, this area may be exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring. In wet areas particularly, cracked or compromised tiles can allow moisture to bypass the surface finish and place additional stress on the underlying waterproofing membrane. Over time, this may contribute to deterioration of the waterproofing system and shorten its effective service life.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is recommended at the client's discretion, particularly in wet areas to preserve the integrity and longevity of the waterproofing system. A licensed tiling contractor may be appointed to perform these works.





### Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Building Element - Damaged - Assorted Items
Information:	Some of the assorted building elements were found to be damaged at the time of inspection.

Damage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of broken elements is advised to ensure that additional secondary defects do not arise as a consequence. Such works are necessary, as all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

A relevant tradesperson should be appointed to repair or replace the affected building element prior to any subsequent damage being caused.



### Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master Closet
Finding:	Door Handle - Not Latching

**Information:** At the time of inspection, the door handle was found to be not latching properly, which may affect security and ease of use. This issue could be due to misalignment between the latch and strike plate or wear and tear of the handle mechanism. It is recommended that a handyman be engaged to assess and repair or realign the latch assembly to restore full functionality.



### Finding 3.13

**Building:** Main Building

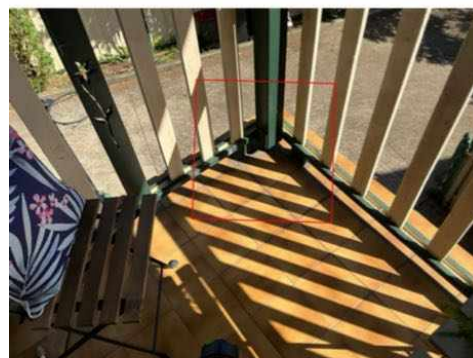
**Location:** Balcony, Both Entries

**Finding:** Tiles Coming off, Cracked & Deteriorating Sealant/Grout (External)

**Information:** At the time of inspection, sections of external tiling were noted to be coming loose, with some tiles cracked and exhibiting missing or deteriorated grout and sealant in the affected area. As this condition is located externally, it is exposed to weather conditions, which can accelerate deterioration.

This condition may allow water to penetrate beneath the tiles, leading to potential moisture ingress, damage to the underlying substrate, and further tile displacement over time.

It is recommended that a qualified tiler be engaged to resecure or replace the loose and cracked tiles, and to reapply appropriate grout and external-grade waterproof sealant to restore the integrity and durability of the surface.





**Finding 3.14**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Eaves  
Finding: Eaves - Water stained  
Information:

Water staining to eaves linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

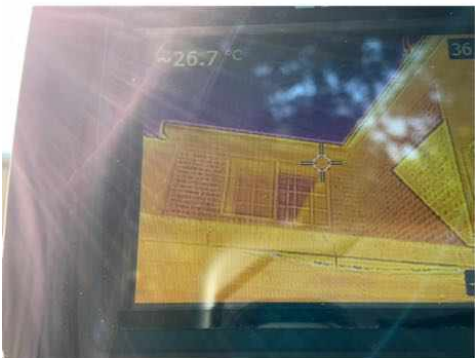
While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by interior ceilings, even though they were

noted dry at the time of inspection.

Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber must be consulted to provide advice on any repairation works that may be required. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.





**Finding 3.15**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Exterior walls - right side  
Finding: Downpipe Damaged  
Information: At the time of inspection, the downpipe was noted to be damaged at the bottom where it meets the drainage outlet. This may affect water flow and lead to surface runoff near the wall. It is recommended that a qualified roofing plumber repair or reconnect the downpipe to ensure proper drainage away from the building.



**Finding 3.16**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard - Side  
 Finding: Crack in concrete slab - Category 2  
 Information: A crack coded as Category 2 was identified in the slab. A Category 2 crack is described as a distinct crack, with the slab being noticeably curved or changed in level.

To be considered Category 2, the approximate width of the crack is less than 2.0mm, or a change in offset of less than 15mm when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

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



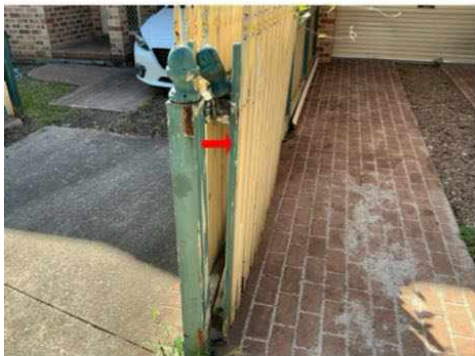
### Finding 3.17

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard - Front  
 Finding: Defective Gates and Front Fence – Deterioration, Loose Hinges, Timber Rot and Leaning  
 Information: At the time of inspection, both front timber gates were observed to be in a deteriorated condition. The gates exhibited signs of timber rot to various sections, particularly at the base and around hinge connection points. Hinges and associated fixings were noted to be loose, corroded, and inadequately secured, resulting in misalignment and reduced structural stability of the gates. The overall condition indicates prolonged exposure to weathering and lack of maintenance.

Additionally, the front section of the timber fencing was observed to be leaning, likely due to deterioration at the base of posts and/or inadequate footing support. This may further impact the stability and functionality of the gate assembly.

If left unaddressed, the deterioration and movement may worsen, leading to further structural failure, difficulty in operation, and potential safety concerns.

It is recommended that a qualified carpenter or fencing specialist be engaged to repair or replace the affected gates and rectify the leaning fence, including replacement of deteriorated timber components, securing or replacing posts as required, and installation of new, properly secured hinges and hardware.

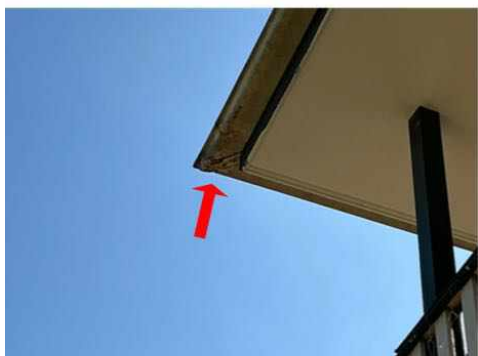


### Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Gutters - Corroded/Rusted
Information:	At the time of inspection, sections of the gutters were observed to be corroded/showing visible rust. Corrosion typically occurs due to prolonged exposure

to moisture, standing water, or accumulated debris, which prevents proper drainage and allows water to sit in the gutter. Over time, rust can weaken the metal, leading to leaks, holes, and eventual gutter failure if not addressed.

It is recommended that a licensed roof plumber inspect the affected areas and replace the rusted gutter sections to restore proper function.



### Finding 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Sarking - Damaged
Information:	Sarking, a laminated aluminium foil applied to the interior of the roof covering, assists in insulating the property and acting as a vapour-barrier to the roof void and, subsequently, to the household.

Where sarking is damaged, both insulation and moisture protection of the property are inhibited. This creates a loss of energy and thus negatively impacts the energy efficiency of the property, allowing potential for moisture ingress from condensation or leaking roof tiles.

It is important to repair any holes or damaged sections of sarking to ensure that the building material is fully functional. A registered roofer should be consulted to provide further advice on this defect and to perform rectification works at client discretion.



### Finding 3.20

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Vent - Extracted into Roof Space
Information:	During the inspection, it was noted that the exhaust vent has been improperly terminated into the roof space instead of being ducted to the exterior of the property.

This configuration is a defect as it allows moist air to accumulate within the roof cavity, increasing the risk of condensation, mould growth, and deterioration of insulation or timber framing. Proper ventilation is essential to maintain a healthy indoor environment and protect the structural integrity of the building. It is recommended that the vent be appropriately re-routed to discharge externally in compliance with relevant building

standards.

A licensed mechanical ventilation contractor/electrician should be appointed as soon as possible to provide further consultation on the scope of these works and to provide quotations for any necessary works.



### Finding 3.21

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Both Bathrooms
Finding:	Excessive Moisture - Shower Damp
Information:	At the time of inspection, excessive moisture was noted within the shower area, which is a common issue in wet areas due to the continual exposure to water. This condition is typically caused by moisture seeping through grout lines and settling behind tiles, resulting in localised high-moisture zones. Provided there is no evidence of water staining or elevated moisture readings on the opposite side of the wall, this is considered a minor defect.

However, persistently damp conditions may act as conducive conditions for termite activity, as termites are strongly attracted to moisture-rich environments. It is recommended that the client ensures regular use of the exhaust fan and maintains adequate ventilation after shower use to promote drying and reduce long-term moisture build-up, thereby also reducing the risk of attracting termites.





### Finding 3.22

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Potential Moisture Risk – Air Conditioning Ducting
Information:	At the time of inspection, no visible staining or damage was noted to the ceiling surface. However, thermal imaging indicated temperature variation consistent with possible condensation. Upon inspection of the roof space, it was noted that the air conditioning ducting was installed in direct contact with the plasterboard ceiling, with no visible insulation separating the ducting from the ceiling lining.

This installation increases the risk of condensation forming on the ducting, which may transfer moisture to the plasterboard over time and lead to future staining.

It is recommended that an air conditioning specialist be engaged to assess the duct installation to confirm there's no condensation.





## 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:	All Areas
Finding:	Bridging Appliances - Attachment to Buildings
Information:	Bridging occurs when items against a building provide a concealed entry point for termites into the building or by passing around a termite management system.

Where any part of an attachment to a building is not isolated and is not provided with a clear gap of not less than 25mm from the building, bridging occurs. Attachments to buildings such as hot water services, downpipes, verandahs, decks, steps, fences, service conduits and the like provide the opportunity for concealed entry.

Building attachments of this nature need to be frequently inspected for termite activity by a qualified inspector.



## Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Overflow Disconnected - HWS/AC/Gas - Conducive Conditions to Termites
Information:	The overflow to this service was found to be disconnected from stormwater drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

Such leaking creates an environment that is conducive to an array of defects, including water damage to associated building elements and the attraction of termite or timber pest infestation. These damp conditions can lead to secondary defects such as rot, rust, or corrosion of associated building elements, the formation of fungal decay, or even the creation of potential slip hazards. When coupled with poor site drainage, pooling of water may also attract termite activity to this area.

It is highly recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to connect the overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.



### Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	No Stormwater Drain - Under Exterior Tap
Information:	The inspection identified that the exterior tap is not connected to a stormwater drainage system, allowing water to pool around the base. This can lead to moisture-related issues such as deterioration of nearby building materials, mould growth, and increased risk of termite activity—each of which may compromise the property's structural integrity and create health or safety concerns.

To prevent these risks, it is strongly recommended that a licensed plumber be engaged to assess the area and install appropriate drainage, such as a stormwater connection or splash block, to redirect water away from the property. Ongoing maintenance and monitoring of external water sources are also advised to ensure long-term protection.



### Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Meter Box
Finding:	Termite Management System - No Evidence of Installation (Strata)
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is strongly recommended for all strata buildings, particularly if there has been any history of live termite activity on-site. These barriers are highly effective in protecting timber building elements throughout the property by preventing termite attacks. It is also advisable to install a durable notice within the switchboard unit, indicating the presence of any termite barriers for future reference.

During the inspection, there was no indication that a termite management system had been installed, nor was there any evidence to suggest that preventative measures had previously been undertaken. The client is encouraged to engage their strata management to develop and implement a comprehensive termite management plan, seeking advice from a licensed pest controller regarding the costs and procedures involved in the application of a termite barrier. Prioritizing this step in the short term is strongly advised to ensure long-term protection for the building.

Additionally, the client may want to consult with the strata management or body corporate to determine whether regular Timber Pest inspections, as per AS4349.3 or AS 3660.2, have been conducted in the past. This will provide further insights into any past termite management practices and help inform the appropriate course of action.

### Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Front
Finding:	Overhanging Trees/Branches/Roots
Information:	Overhanging trees and exposed roots were noted near the property, which pose potential risks to the structure and surrounding areas.

The overhanging branches can cause damage to the roof, gutters, or walls, particularly during storms or high winds. Additionally, the roots may pose a threat to

the foundation by causing ground movement, leading to cracks or uneven settling over time. The accumulation of leaves and debris in gutters and drainage systems can also lead to blockages, contributing to water overflow and potential water damage.

It is recommended that a qualified arborist be engaged to prune back the overhanging branches and assess any potential risks posed by the tree roots to prevent further damage to the property. It is advised to get this fixed as soon as possible. Regular maintenance should be carried out to ensure the trees are managed effectively and the property remains safe.

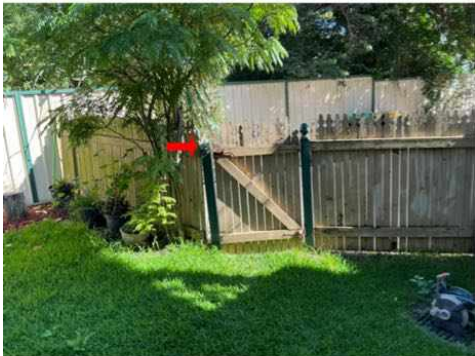


## Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

### Finding 7.01

Building:	Yard
Location:	Yard - Front
Finding:	Fungal Decay - Present (Localised)
Information:	Fungal decay, also referred to as wood decay or wood rot, typically occurs when timber elements are exposed to excessive moisture for extended periods. This deterioration process is accelerated by temperatures ranging between 5°C and 40°C, as well as the presence of oxygen. Fungal decay is commonly found in timber components used in external environments, particularly when they are exposed to rain or moisture penetration.

In this instance, although the timber element shows signs of decay, the visible damage appears to be localized to a specific area and has not yet spread to adjoining structures or other parts of the building element. As a result, the fungal decay is likely to be relatively superficial, with minimal impact on the structural integrity or tensile strength of the timber. However, it is advisable to monitor the affected area to prevent further deterioration and address the underlying moisture issue to mitigate future risk.



**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

- When evaluated against other properties of similar age and construction type at the time of inspection, the condition of this building is described in detail in Section A – Overall Condition (Building). The risk associated with unidentifiable defects is outlined in Section C – Accessibility: Undetected Defect Risk (Building). This provides a clear assessment of both the current state and potential hidden issues that may not be immediately apparent due to inspection limitations.

The inspection also identified the presence of obstructions, as noted in Section C – Accessibility: Obstructions and Limitations. These obstructions may have restricted the inspector's ability to conduct a comprehensive assessment of certain areas. It is essential to acknowledge that while the inspection was thorough, these limitations may impact the certainty with which hidden defects or potential issues are identified.

Key Findings:

- **Minor Defects:** Specific details of minor defects noted during the inspection are provided throughout the report. These minor defects, while not immediately critical, can potentially develop into major defect if not addressed. Each identified defect should be reviewed individually to understand its nature, potential implications, and the recommended corrective actions. Addressing minor defects promptly helps maintain the building's condition and prevents them from escalating into major repairs or safety issues.

- The building inspection report identifies safety hazards including a cracked laundry window, exposed wiring in the laundry, missing upstairs window restrictors, and loose balcony railing. A major defect is uneven flooring in the upstairs hallway. Minor defects comprise missing laundry door weatherstrip, binding doors in multiple rooms, damaged/missing sealant and grout in laundry and kitchen, absent door stoppers throughout, no laundry exhaust fan, water-damaged WC door and kitchen benchtop, cracked tiles in living room, bathrooms and external balcony/entries with deteriorating grout, assorted damaged building elements in the master ensuite, non-latching master closet door handle, water-stained eaves, damaged right-side downpipe, category 2 crack in side yard concrete slab, deteriorated front gates and fence with timber rot and leaning, corroded gutters, damaged roof void sarking, exhaust vent terminated into roof space, and excessive shower damp in both bathrooms. Conditions conducive to timber pests include bridging attachments to the building and disconnected

HWS/AC/gas overflows causing moisture. No live timber pest activity or damage was found.

It is imperative that this report be read in full, as every item and defect has been detailed to provide comprehensive insight into the condition of the property. If any clarification is needed on specific defects or sections within the report, please do not hesitate to seek further explanation. This ensures that the client has a complete understanding of the inspection results and can make informed decisions regarding necessary maintenance, repairs, or further expert evaluations.

The report is designed to equip the client with the knowledge needed to maintain the property's structural integrity and value, and to proactively address potential issues to avoid future complications. Regular maintenance and timely attention to the noted defects will contribute significantly to the longevity and safety of the building.

#### PEST REPORT:

The building when compared to others of similar age is in is in the condition stated in Section A - Overall Condition (Timber Pest) and risk rating of unidentifiable defects is stated in Section C Accessibility - Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest).

Obstructions were present as stated in Section C Accessibility - Obstructions and Limitations.

A Timber Pest Management Plan should be implemented and maintained for this property by engaging a Pest Management Technician. A full inspection should be carried out in accordance with AS4349.3 or AS 3660.2 at no more than 12 monthly intervals or as required by the pest management plan. Anew termite treatment is recommended.

This report must be read in full to clearly understand all items identified as defects listed within the report.

Note that if the baths, showers, toilets , vanities, kitchens etc. are not used, or have not been used for some time, moisture readings would not vary significantly and this can lead to erroneous results. It is not possible under the visual inspection criteria (under which a prepurchase inspection is carried out) to categorically determine if there are leaks. If a more accurate assessment is required, a special purpose inspection should be requested. Alternatively, the assumption should be made that the shower may leak.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Jas Randhawa on: 0432 637 637

## Section D Significant Items

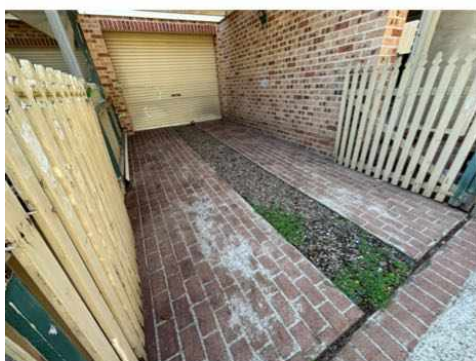
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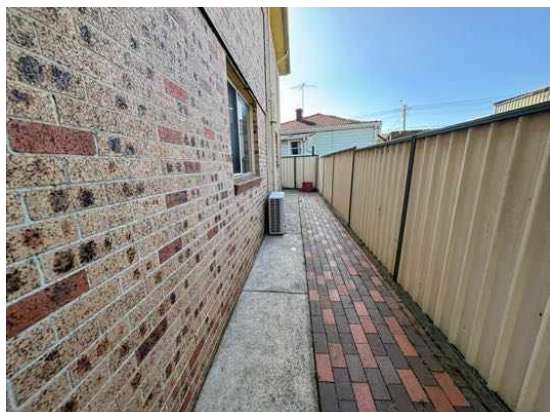
#### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations - External Areas
Information:	The attached photographs provide a visual representation of the obstructions and limitations that impeded a full inspection of the external areas of the property at the time of assessment. These obstructions, which may include vegetation, stored items, debris, or other physical barriers, can obscure potential defects and prevent a thorough evaluation of the property's condition. Obstructions of this nature can conceal a wide range of issues, such as structural damage, water ingress, pest infestations, or deteriorating building materials, which may not be visible during the initial inspection.

It is essential that these obstructions be cleared to allow for a comprehensive inspection of the external areas. Removing these barriers will enable a more accurate assessment of the property's condition and allow any hidden defects to be identified and addressed promptly. Failure to do so could result in undetected issues worsening over time, potentially leading to more costly repairs in the future.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the obstructions be removed and a re-inspection be scheduled once the affected areas are made fully accessible. This will ensure a complete evaluation of the property's exterior and provide the client with a clear understanding of any potential issues that may have been concealed during the initial inspection.





### Noted Item

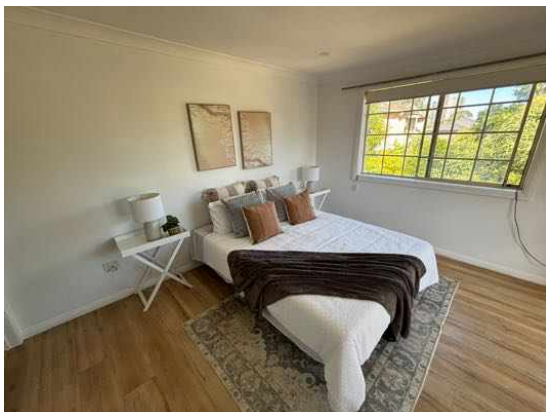
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations - Internal Areas
Information:	The accompanying photographs provide clear evidence of the obstructions and limitations that restricted a comprehensive inspection of the internal areas of the property at the time of assessment. These obstructions, which may include furniture, personal belongings, stored items, or structural elements such as wall coverings and built-ins, significantly hindered the ability to thoroughly evaluate these areas. It is important to note that such obstructions can potentially conceal a wide array of defects, ranging from hidden structural damage, water leaks, pest infestations, or electrical issues, to deteriorating materials that may not be visible during the initial inspection.

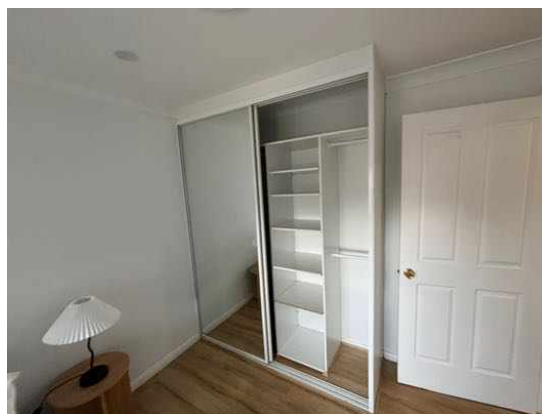
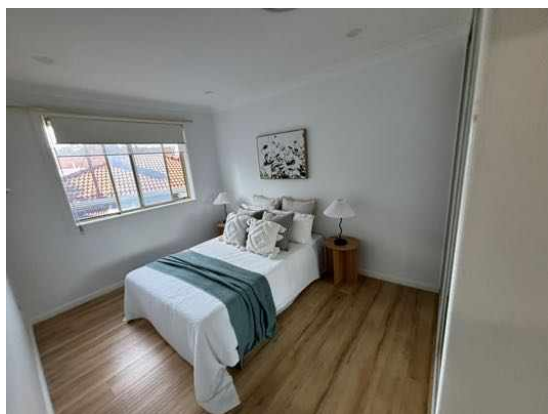
The presence of these impediments means that critical areas of the property were not accessible, and therefore, any underlying defects that may affect the integrity and safety of the property could remain undetected. These hidden defects, if left unaddressed, could worsen over time and may result in costly repairs or pose potential safety hazards to the occupants.

It is highly recommended that all obstructions be cleared to facilitate a complete and thorough inspection of the internal areas. Once the obstructions have been removed and full access is available, a re-inspection should be carried out to ensure that any

previously concealed issues can be properly identified and rectified. This follow-up inspection will provide a more accurate assessment of the property's internal condition and help the client make informed decisions about any necessary repairs or maintenance.

In summary, the limitations encountered during the inspection highlight the importance of ensuring full access to all areas of the property to accurately assess its overall condition. A re-inspection is strongly advised once these areas are made accessible.





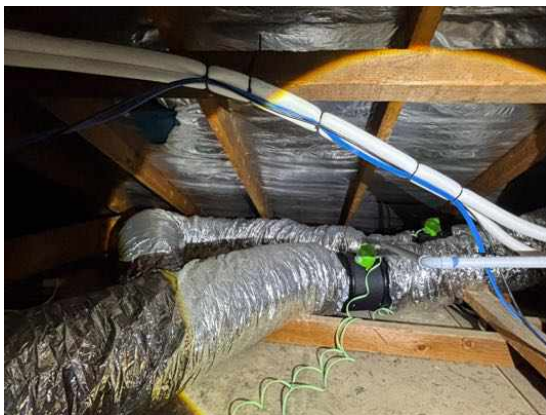
### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Obstructions, Limitations, and General Roof Space Condition  
 Information: The photographs provided document both the general condition and the obstructions and limitations that were present in the roof cavity of the main building at the time of inspection. These obstructions—such as insulation materials, stored items, structural elements, or electrical wiring—restricted safe and adequate access to key areas within the roof space. As a result, a comprehensive inspection of all components could not be completed.

Obstructions of this nature may conceal a variety of potential defects, including

damaged framing, compromised insulation, evidence of moisture ingress, pest activity, or electrical hazards. While no major issues were observed in the visible areas, the presence of these limitations means that some defects may remain undetected.

It is recommended that these barriers be removed or repositioned to facilitate full and safe access to the roof space. Once clear, a follow-up inspection should be conducted to allow for a thorough assessment of all concealed areas. This will help ensure that the condition of the roof cavity is accurately evaluated and any hidden issues are appropriately identified and addressed.





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: FYI - Windows and Doors were tested for Operation  
 Information: During the inspection, all accessible windows and doors were tested to assess their functionality. Some windows and doors, however, were locked or obstructed by furniture, personal belongings, or other impediments, which prevented a complete evaluation of these specific units. For those windows and doors that could be tested, they appeared to operate as intended at the time of the inspection, with no immediate concerns noted regarding their opening, closing, or locking mechanisms.

It is important to highlight that, unless specifically identified in separate defect

statements, no remedial work is currently deemed necessary for the tested windows and doors. However, for those that were inaccessible or affected by obstructions, their functionality remains undetermined and may require further assessment once access is made available.

Relevant photos of the tested windows and doors, as well as any noted obstructions, may be found in the additional photos section of the report for further reference. To ensure a comprehensive inspection, it is recommended that any locked or obstructed windows and doors be made accessible for re-inspection, allowing for a full evaluation of their condition and functionality. This proactive step will help identify any potential issues that may need addressing and ensure the long-term operational integrity of the windows and doors throughout the property.

Condensation on windows can occur at different times of the year, particularly in colder months or high-humidity environments. While no condensation was visible during the inspection, unless mentioned separately in a defect statement, this does not guarantee it won't occur later under varying conditions. Condensation typically forms when warm, moist air contacts cooler window surfaces, potentially leading to mould, wood rot, or damage to frames and seals. To reduce condensation risks, ensure proper ventilation in moisture-prone areas like kitchens and bathrooms, and monitor windows throughout the year to address any issues that may arise.

## Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	FYI - Plumbing and Electrical - Outside of the scope of this inspection
Information:	Plumbing and electrical inspections fall outside the scope of a standard building inspection and must be conducted by a licensed and registered tradesperson with the appropriate qualifications. While the building inspection may highlight visually apparent defects related to plumbing, electrical, and gas systems, it is important to understand that compliance with relevant safety standards and regulations can only be confirmed through a detailed inspection carried out by qualified electricians and plumbers. Legislation requires that these professionals check, document, and certify the compliance of these systems to ensure they are functioning safely and efficiently.

Given the importance of properly functioning plumbing, electrical, and gas systems, it is highly recommended that the client arranges for a comprehensive inspection by licensed tradespeople. This will not only ensure that the systems are working correctly but will also help identify any underlying safety issues that may not be visible during a general building inspection. By doing so, the client can mitigate the risks of potential hazards, avoid costly repairs in the future, and ensure that the property's systems meet the required safety standards.

## Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: FYI - Taps, Drainage & Toilets Tested and Cabinetry Obstructions  
Information: During the inspection, all accessible taps, drainage systems, and toilets were tested for water flow and drainage efficiency, and checked for any visible signs of leakage. At the time of the inspection, no issues were noted in these areas. Unless highlighted in a separate defect statement, no immediate remedial work appears necessary. Supporting images may be found in the additional photos section for reference.

It is important to note that while a visual inspection of cupboards and cabinetry beneath sinks and vanities was undertaken, stored personal items and fixtures presented obstructions that limited full visibility of the internal areas. As per standard inspection practices, inspectors are not permitted to move or disturb personal belongings during the inspection process. Therefore, only visible and accessible sections were inspected, and concealed water damage or plumbing defects may not have been detected.

Given this, a re-inspection is recommended after all obstructions have been cleared to allow for a comprehensive assessment of these areas. Regular maintenance and monitoring of plumbing and drainage systems is also advised to ensure ongoing functionality and early detection of potential issues.







### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photos - Moisture Meter Readings
Information:	Additional moisture meter reading photos have been provided for the property to offer further clarity on areas tested during the inspection. These photos are intended to give a visual reference for the specific locations where moisture levels were measured. These readings were taken at the time of the inspection to assess any potential moisture-related issues within the property. Any defects related to moisture that were identified during the inspection have been separately mentioned in the defect statements within the report.

It is important for the client to understand that moisture levels can fluctuate over time due to various factors, including changes in weather, humidity, and environmental conditions. While the readings reflect the property's moisture levels during the inspection, they may not represent future conditions, and increased moisture could lead to issues such as dampness, mould growth, or deterioration of building materials if left unmonitored.

For further clarification or additional information regarding the moisture readings, the client is encouraged to contact the building inspector directly. Regular monitoring of moisture-prone areas is recommended to ensure any emerging concerns are addressed promptly, particularly during wetter seasons or in high-humidity conditions.

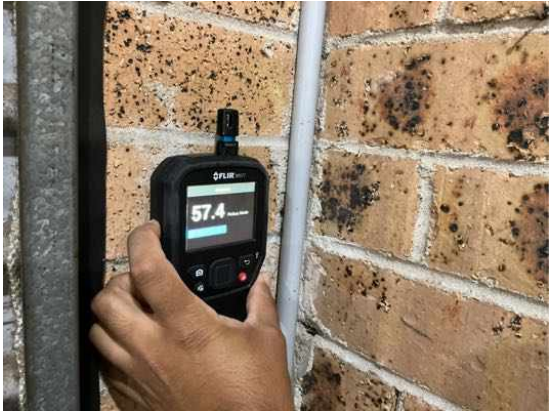












Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Meter Box  
 Finding: Termite Management Recommendation – No Evidence of Chemical Installation (Strata)  
 Information: At the time of inspection, there was no visible evidence of a chemical termite management system installed around the strata building. Chemical barriers are a key component of termite protection and are particularly important in preventing concealed termite entry into timber elements of the structure.

In accordance with standard requirements, a durable notice should be located within the electrical switchboard to detail any termite protection systems applied, including chemical treatments. No such notice was observed during the inspection.

It is recommended that the client engage their strata management to consult a licensed pest controller to assess the suitability of installing a chemical barrier, and to provide advice on associated costs and procedures. This should be considered a short-term priority, particularly if the building has any history of termite activity or is located in a high-risk area.

## Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Meter Box  
 Finding: Subterranean Termite Management Proposal (Strata)  
 Information: In accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660, it is recommended that Strata buildings have a termite management plan in place, even if no live activity has been detected. For strata-managed properties, termite protection generally applies to the building structure and common areas rather than individual lots.

Effective management should include addressing conditions that may attract termites in common areas. Strata management may also consider installing or maintaining chemical or baiting systems around the building's perimeter to provide long-term protection.

The client is advised to check with strata management regarding any existing termite management systems, inspection schedules, or treatment plans currently in place. Regular inspections—ideally conducted annually—help ensure ongoing protection and compliance with Australian Standard AS 3660.

## Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Kitchen  
 Finding: Electrical Meter Box  
 Information: Electrical meter box is located in kitchen cabinets



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: No Insulation - Roof Space  
Information: During the inspection, it was observed that there is no insulation installed in the roof space. This may result in reduced energy efficiency, higher heating and cooling costs, and less effective temperature regulation within the property.



## 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.