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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2026

Property Address: Unit 7/59 Essington St,
WENTWORTHVILLE, NSW, 2145, Australia



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

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties set out below, which set out the purpose and scope of the inspection, and the significant items that will be reported on. This Report reflects the opinion of the inspector based on the documents that have been provided. This Report should be read in its entirety and in the context of the agreed scope of Services. If there is a discrepancy between the summary findings and the body of the Report, the body of the Report will prevail. We recommend that you should promptly implement any recommendation or advice in this Report, including recommendations of further inspections by another specialist. 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: Sat, 31 Jan 2026

The Parties

Name of the Client:

Name of the Principal(if Applicable):

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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	✓	
Live Timber Pest Activity		✓
Timber Pest Damage		✓
Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity		✓
Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage		✓
Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage		✓
Evidence of a previous termite management program		✓

Overall Condition (Building)

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

Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is low risk in relation to susceptibility to timber pests. A termite treatment should always be considered even in a low-risk environment.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Apartment
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Slab - Suspended Slab
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	2
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	
Other Building Elements	Car Space and Storage Cage
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Doors, Skirting Boards
Roof	Not Applicable
Storeys	Multi-Storey with basement
Walls	Hebel Clad
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
- Interior

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:

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:

- Appliances and equipment
- Ceiling linings
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Stored items
- Wall linings

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

Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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: **Low**

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

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

No evidence was found

Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building: Main Building

Location: Kitchen

Finding: Cracks to the Caesarstone

Information: A crack to the Caesarstone kitchen benchtop was noted, extending across the surface and continuing in the vicinity of the cooktop area. The crack appears as a hairline fracture but is continuous and visible under normal lighting conditions. Such cracking is not typical of normal wear and may be associated with thermal stress, substrate movement, inadequate support beneath the stone, or localised impact. The location adjacent to the stove increases the likelihood of heat-related expansion and contraction contributing to the defect.

Cracks in engineered stone surfaces can permit the ingress of moisture and contaminants over time and may progressively widen if the underlying cause is not addressed. Rectification of stone cracks is generally considered a specialist repair, and in many cases replacement of the affected section may be required to achieve a durable outcome. Assessment by a qualified stone mason is recommended to determine the extent of the defect and appropriate remedial options.





Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedrooms
Finding:	Doors Rattles - Striker plate misaligned
Information:	The striker plate to this door appears to have become misaligned and has consequently resulted in the door's operation being compromised.

This is a common defect and is expected in a property of this age, whether being due to substandard installation or general deterioration of the door hardware.

Readjustment of the striker plate is recommended at client discretion. Works such as these can be completed by a general handyman or qualified carpenter.



Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Stain on the Corner Junction
Information:	Discolouration was noted to the ceiling and upper wall junction at the bathroom corner. The staining presents as light brown/yellowish marks concentrated along the ceiling line and corner junction, with a faint vertical run mark down the wall surface. The pattern is consistent with moisture-related surface staining rather than structural

cracking or material failure.

At the time of inspection, no active moisture, dripping, or wet surfaces were observed, and there was no evidence indicating an active leak from the level above. The condition is more consistent with intermittent condensation build-up, high humidity typical of bathroom environments, or possible inadequacies in paint finish or sealant application at the junctions.

While the staining appears minor and superficial at present, continued moisture exposure can contribute to mould growth or further deterioration of finishes over time. Improving ventilation, ensuring adequate exhaust fan use, and maintaining appropriate paint and sealant finishes are recommended. Ongoing monitoring is advised to confirm that no concealed leak develops.



Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Shower base - Water pooling
Information:	Evidence of water pooling around the floor waste in the shower recess was noticed at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this excessive moisture is attributed to insufficient fall in the shower floor tiles.

This pooling is minor overall but is still considered unsatisfactory, as standard tiling practices would not permit this situation to occur. Pooling water around floor wastes can create a slip hazard in extreme cases and create conditions that are conducive to mould growth over time. Where left unmanaged, the degradation of sealant and grouting is also likely to occur, possibly necessitating further repair works.

Remedial works may involve some sections of tiling and flooring repair and replacement. A tiling contractor or bathroom specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on reparation options and to perform works as necessary.



Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom 2
Finding:	Leaking Shower Screen
Information:	A minor leak through the shower screen was noted during the inspection, likely caused by deteriorated sealant. Reapplying sealant to the affected area is recommended to resolve the defect.



Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom
Finding:	Localized Impact Damages
Information:	Localised impact damage was noted to the wall lining at low level. The damage presents as a small indentation and surface break to the plasterboard, with minor paint delamination and exposure of the underlying substrate. The shape and location are consistent with mechanical impact, such as contact from furniture, appliances, or similar hard objects.

The defect is cosmetic in nature and does not indicate structural concerns. However, the damaged surface may be more susceptible to further deterioration if left unrepaired. Rectification would typically involve patching, sanding, and repainting by a

general handyman or painter to restore the finish.



Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

No evidence was found

Section D Significant Items

D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

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

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- Following a visual Building and Timber Pest Inspection of Unit 7/59 Essington St, Wentworthville NSW 2145, the apartment was assessed as being in generally good condition for its apparent age and construction type, with no major defects and no safety hazards identified at the time of inspection. The timber pest risk was assessed as low, with no evidence of live timber pest activity, timber pest damage, or conditions conducive to timber pest activity noted within the accessible areas.

A number of minor defects and maintenance items were identified that warrant attention to prevent deterioration and to improve serviceability. These include cracking to the Caesarstone benchtop (notably near the cooktop), minor door hardware/striker misalignment affecting operation, superficial bathroom corner staining consistent with intermittent moisture/condensation, minor water pooling to the shower base suggesting insufficient fall, a minor shower screen leak likely related to sealant, and localised impact damage to wall linings. While these items are not considered structural, some are moisture-related and should be addressed to reduce the risk of ongoing staining, mould, sealant/grout breakdown, and future water-related damage.

It is noted that the inspection was subject to typical access and visibility limitations associated with an occupied apartment (including fixtures, linings, cabinetry and stored items), and wet area waterproofing remains largely concealed. As a result, the absence of visible damage does not completely rule out concealed leakage under all conditions. Where there are ongoing concerns, a special-purpose wet area inspection (and/or targeted invasive investigation by an appropriate trade where warranted) should be considered, particularly after normal usage patterns.

Given this is a strata-titled apartment, it is strongly recommended that the client obtain and review a strata report / strata records search prior to making any decisions. This should include meeting minutes, maintenance history, waterproofing and plumbing records, prior water ingress history, insurance claims, defect rectification records, and any planned capital works or special levies. These records can provide critical context that may not be visible during a unit-only inspection—especially for bathrooms, balcony/external wall interfaces, and services that may be common property.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Steve Ahn on: 0413 377 511

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Areas
 Finding: Note Regarding Mould and Staining
 Information: It should be noted that the presence of furniture or stored items within the dwelling may restrict airflow and ventilation, particularly behind such items, creating conditions conducive to condensation and subsequent mould or staining.

The inspection and report do not extend to identifying or reporting on mould or staining that may arise from condensation, occupant habits, or inadequate ventilation practices such as failure to regularly open windows.

Furthermore, surface discolouration or mould on timber components, including window frames and doors, due to a lack of routine cleaning and maintenance, is considered a result of fair wear and tear and is therefore outside the scope of this inspection.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Bathrooms
Finding: Minimal Moisture Metre Readings
Information: After conducting an assessment of the shower recess, the moisture content of the walls in and around the shower was examined. The results indicated that there was no significant difference in moisture readings between the walls behind the wet area and other walls, and there were no visible signs of recent water damage on the surrounding walls that could be inspected.

Based on these observations, it can be assumed that the waterproofing of the shower is sound and there is currently no evidence of any leakage. However, it is important to note that if the shower has not been used recently, moisture readings may not be a reliable indicator of any leaks.

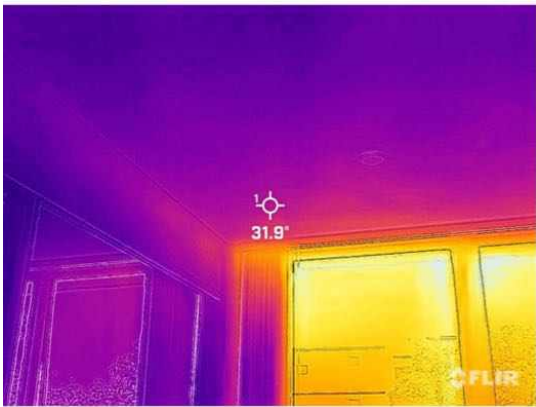
It should also be noted that the visual inspection carried out may not be able to detect leaks under all circumstances. Therefore, if a more accurate assessment is required, a special purpose inspection should be requested. Alternatively, it is recommended to continue with the assumption that the shower may leak until further confirmation can be obtained.

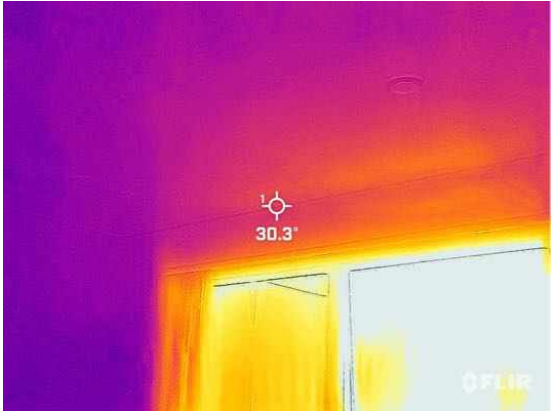
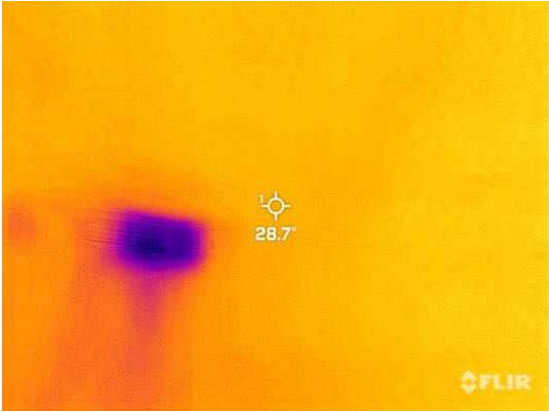
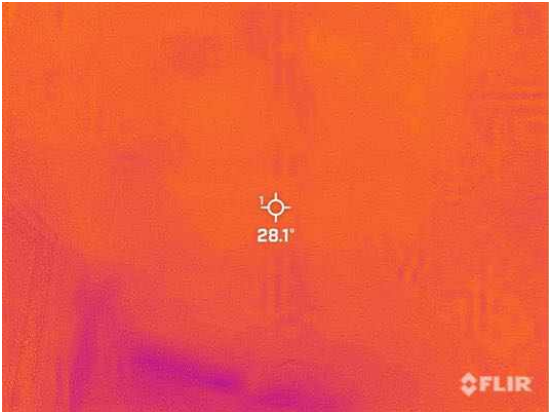


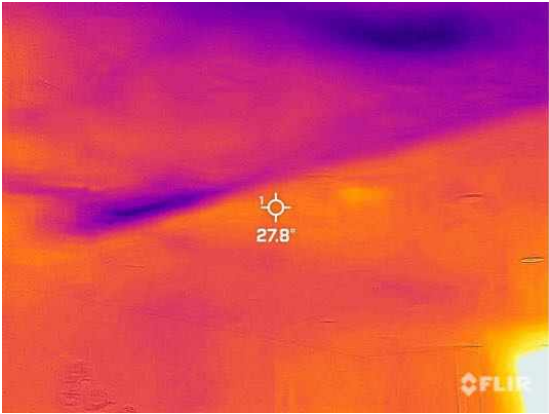
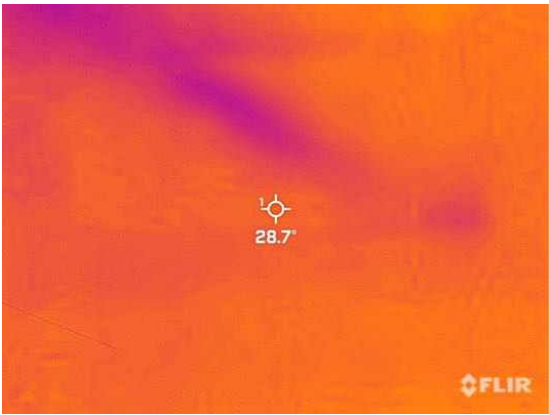


Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Additional Photos
Information: Thermal imaging camera was used to detect any active water leaks or/ and termite activities in the property. No water leaks or termite activities were found from inspection by thermal imaging camera. Additional photos are attached for 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.
Conditions Conducive to Termite Activity	Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Termites.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Instrument Testing	Where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments: (a) electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements (b) stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements (c) probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g. bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees and (d) sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object. (e) T3I - an instrument used to detect movement, moisture and changes in temperature within timber
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried

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

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

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

Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOISTURE

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

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

MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

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

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

NO CERTIFICATION

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

RECTIFICATION COSTS

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