



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2026

Property Address: 29 Sweetgum St, Ashmore QLD 4214,  
Australia



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Original Inspection Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2026

## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

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

The following apply: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
<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 good condition with some minor defects found.

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type	Detached, Residential
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Slab - Monolithic or Slab on Ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	South West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Footpath
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Doors, Door Frames, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiles, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
Weather	Fine

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## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Fencing
- Interior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part
- Gardens
- 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:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Outside of the fencing.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

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

### Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling linings
- Debris in gutters
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Stored items
- Overhanging vegetation
- Rugs
- Vegetation
- 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: **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.

### 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

No evidence was found

### Major Defect

No evidence was found

### Minor Defect

#### Finding 3.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: Driveway > Existing  
Finding: Cracking in concrete slab - Category 1  
Information: Cracking coded as Category 1 - 2 was identified in the driveway and footpaths concrete slabs (as per example photos). A Category 1 crack is described as a fine but noticeable crack, with the slab at an otherwise reasonable level.

To be considered Category 1, the approximate width of the crack is less than 1.0mm, or a less than 10mm change in offset when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

Category 1 cracks should be monitored for a period of 12 months. At the end of the monitoring period, identified cracks that are rated greater than Cracking above category 2 is considered a defect which requires rectification.





Finding 3.02

Building: Main Building  
Location: Yard - Front > Front Left  
Finding: Sewer line - Caps Missing  
Information: At the time of inspection it was noted the sewer or stormwater line on the left side of the property was missing the protective riser cap.

The missing sewer or stormwater line cap creates the potential for sewer line blockages.

A licensed plumber or general handyman should be engaged to replace the sewer line cap as soon as possible.



### Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building  
Location: Exterior walls - front > Front Left  
Finding: Evidence of previous repairs  
Information: At the time of inspection it was noted there appears to have been previous repair work to the brickwork on the front left side of the garage.

The cause or reason for the repair work is unknown but may be the result of impact damage.

The client is advised to monitor the area for any signs of change.



**Finding 3.04**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Eaves > Centre Right  
 Finding: Eaves - Holes  
 Information: Holes were identified in the eaves linings in the alfresco area. It is suspected that the holes are from a previously removed fixture or fittings.

All excessive holes, gaps or cracks should be adequately filled by a suitable sealant or trimmings.

Such works may be conducted by a general handyman or licensed painter.



### Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - left side > Front Left  
 Finding: Gate - Sticking/ jamming  
 Information: At the time of inspection the gate to the left side of the property was sticking or jamming on the exterior walls brickwork during standard operation.

A fencing contractor or general handyman could be engaged to adjust or repair the gate as required.



### Finding 3.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Exterior > Rear Right  
 Finding: Debris  
 Information: At the time of inspection there was vegetation type debris on the exterior roof areas. Any debris on roof areas has the potential to restrict roof gutters or valley flashings effectiveness and creates the potential for stormwater line blockage.

A general handyman should be engaged to remove the roof debris.





### Finding 3.07

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Living Room > Centre Right  
 Finding: Painted surface - Cornice  
 Information: At the time of inspection a section of paint to the living area ceiling cornice was found to have bubbled and deteriorated. Paint bubbling or deterioration is generally an indication of moisture exposure or substandard workmanship.

A licensed painter or general handyman could be engaged to undertake repair work..



### Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bedroom - Master > Centre,Rear  
 Finding: Window - Broken latch  
 Information: The right side window latch to the main bedroom sliding window was found to be broken at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may be indicative of impact damage (accidental or deliberate).

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

An aluminium window service agent or general handyman should be appointed to repair/replace the window latch at the client's discretion.



### Finding 3.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Bedroom - Master > Centre Right

Finding: Wood Rot

Information: At the time of inspection an area of the timber architrave and skirting board in the main bedroom area showed signs of wood rot. It is suspected the timber wall framing in the area may be affected also. Wood rot damage is generally caused from exposure to moisture at some time, possibly from water tracking or escaping from the shower area opposite. Monitoring of the area for any signs of further deterioration is advised.

The client could engage a qualified carpenter or general handyman to undertake repair work.



### Finding 3.10

Building: Main Building

Location: Ensuite > Centre

Finding: Cabinetry - Deterioration

Information: At the time of inspection the bathroom cabinetry showed signs of minor deterioration.

The level of damage appears consistent with exposure to moisture or general wear and tear.

A qualified cabinet maker or general handyman could be engaged to undertake repair works at the clients discretion.



### Finding 3.11

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Ensuite > Centre Left  
 Finding: Toilet seat  
 Information: The toilet seat in the ensuite was found to be detached at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this defect has developed due to general wear and tear.

It is recommended that the seat be replaced by a licensed plumber or general handyman.



### Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite > Centre Right
Finding:	Painted surface - Deteriorated
Information:	At the time of inspection a section of paint to the ensuite wall was found to have deteriorated. Deteriorated internal paint is generally an indication of excessive moisture exposure or poor workmanship.

The presence of excessive moisture can also have implications on associated building elements if left unattended. While only seemingly minor at this stage, the cause of the damage cannot be fully determined, but may be from water escaping the shower cubicle area.

It is advised that the affected paint work be rectified by a qualified painter.



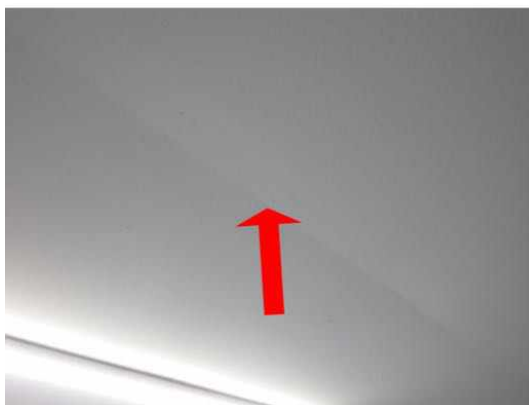
### Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen > Existing
Finding:	Ceiling - Sagging
Information:	The ceiling linings in the kitchen showed signs of minor sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building

materials have swollen, due to exposure to moisture, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment.

Where minor sagging is evident, comparatively minor works, such as re-gluing and re-screwing of ceiling sheets, may be required.

Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters.



### Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen > Existing
Finding:	Cabinetry - Deterioration
Information:	At the time of inspection the kitchen cabinetry showed signs of minor deterioration (as per example photos). The level of damage appears consistent with exposure to moisture or general wear and tear.

A qualified cabinet maker or general handyman could be engaged to undertake repair works at the clients discretion.

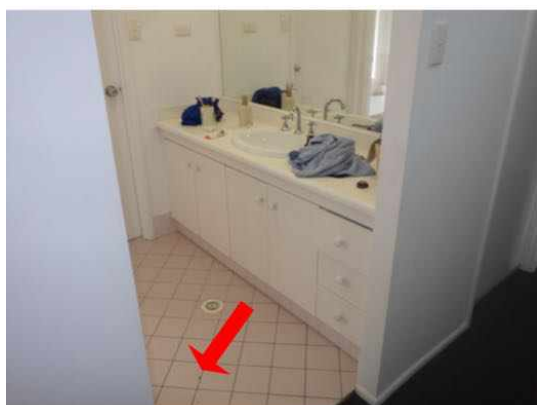




### Finding 3.15

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Powder Room > Centre  
 Finding: Tile - Chipped  
 Information: A chipped tile to the powder room floor area was identified at the time of inspection. Chipped tiles are generally caused by impact.

A tiling contractor could be appointed to perform repair works at the clients discretion.



### Finding 3.16

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Linen Cupboard > Front  
 Finding: Door Rubbing  
 Information: It was noted that the bottom edge of the linen cupboard door is rubbing on the floor tiles making the door stiff to fully open at the time of inspection.

This is noted as a minor defect that you need to be aware of.

A licensed carpenter or general handyman could be engaged to ease the door at the clients discretion.



### Finding 3.17

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom > Centre Right  
 Finding: Window - missing latch  
 Information: The window latch to the bathroom area aluminium sliding window was found to be missing at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed.

Replacement of the missing window catch is advised to improve the operational state of the associated window.

An aluminium window service agent or general handyman should be appointed to replace the window latch at the client's discretion.



### Finding 3.18

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom > Rear Left  
 Finding: Shower - Cracked tile  
 Information: Cracking was evident to a wall tile in the bathroom shower cubicle at the time of inspection. The cracking is more than likely due to impact damage, but may have also been caused by general ageing and deterioration of associated building elements.

While the cracking appears to be minor, any additional impact may lead to further cracking.

As this area is frequently exposed to water, any cracking is likely to allow water penetration if left unmanaged.

Appointment of a tiling contractor is required to repair the cracked shower wall tile, so as to ensure no water damage occurs.



### Finding 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom > Rear Left
Finding:	Shower - Monitor
Information:	Elevated moisture level readings were recorded to the lower 200mm of wall to the bathroom shower alcove at the time of inspection. There was no elevated moisture level readings around the tap area, and no elevated readings transferring to the other side of the wall in the areas where moisture readings were able to be obtained. Both sealant and grout appear in fair condition at present.

This defect is quite common, and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating or leaching through the grouting and perhaps gaps in the sealant.

Monitoring the area is advised and if any visual signs of excessive moisture appear (peeling paint, mould) then consultation with a qualified plumber or bathroom specialist would be advised to identify the cause of damp and to perform remedial works as required.

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



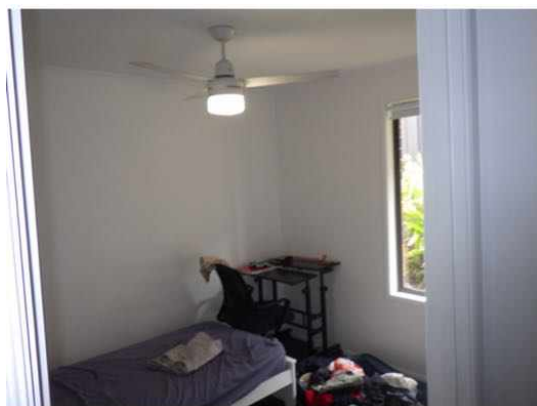


### Finding 3.20

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bedroom 2 > Centre Right  
 Finding: Door - Broken latch  
 Information: The door latches to the bedroom 2 robe doors were found to be broken or missing at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may be indicative of impact damage (accidental or deliberate).

Replacement of the broken door catches is advised to improve the operational state of the associated doors.

A general handyman could be appointed to replace the door latch at the client's discretion.

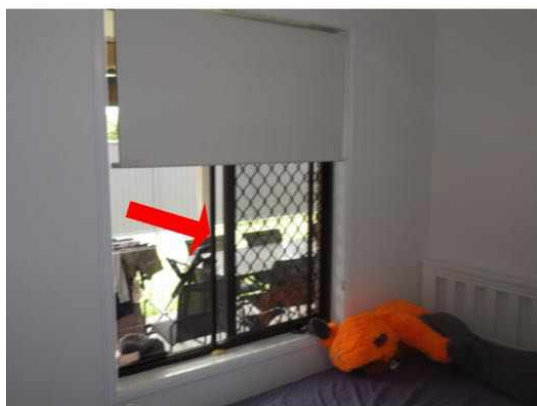


### Finding 3.21

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bedroom 3 > Centre,Rear  
 Finding: Window - missing latch  
 Information: The window latch to the bedroom 3 area aluminium sliding window was found to be missing at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed.

Replacement of the missing window catch is advised to improve the operational state of the associated window.

An aluminium window service agent or general handyman should be appointed to replace the window latch at the client's discretion.



### Finding 3.22

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage > Existing
Finding:	Ceiling - Sagging
Information:	The ceiling linings in the garage showed signs of minor sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building materials have swollen, due to exposure to moisture, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment.

Where minor sagging is evident, comparatively minor works, such as re-gluing and re-screwing of ceiling sheets, may be required.

Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters.



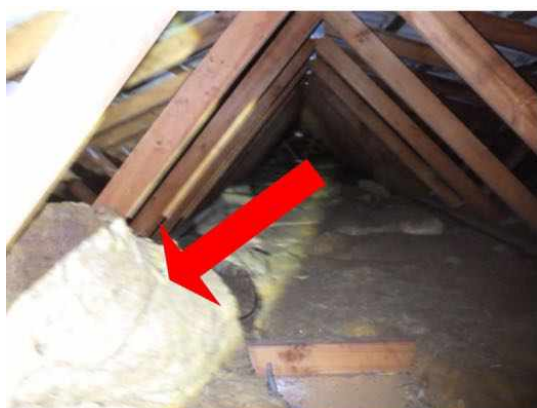
### Finding 3.23

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Attic > Existing
Finding:	Insulation - Poor Installation
Information:	Insulation has been installed in the roof void with some large gaps in the coverage found at the time of inspection. A number of insulation batts have been removed or

installed on top of piping and other building materials within the roof cavity, decreasing the effectiveness of the insulation.

Insulation batts should be fitted correctly in the roof void, with no gaps around piping and each insulation batt lying flat on the ceiling surface. As a general rule, a 5% gap in the coverage of the total surface area may lead to an energy loss of up to 50%.

A general handyman could be engaged to undertake rectification work.



### 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: Exterior walls > Existing  
Finding: Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation  
Information: At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed on the property, with no evidence to suggest preventative works or regular inspections taking place.

The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit or the under sink cabinetry to indicate current termite barriers.

The client should consider gaining further advice from a licensed timber termite pest technician as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is highly recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.





### Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - front > Centre Right  
 Finding: Gardens  
 Information: At the time of inspection it was observed there is garden beds directly against external walls. Generally placing garden beds directly against a property walls should be avoided as it creates potential nesting sites for termites or rodents and/or moisture related issues.

Any areas where garden beds are directly against exterior walls are considered high risk for timber termite activity.

Frequent pest inspections are advised to readily identify any termite activity in these areas.



### Finding 6.03

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - front > Centre Left  
 Finding: Vegetation  
 Information: At the time of inspection there was vegetation growing over external wall areas.

The vegetation over growing wall areas should be trimmed back clear of the external

surfaces. The grass and other vegetation heights should be maintained around the perimeter of the building to allow for an inspection zone around the building exterior.



**Finding 6.04**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - right side > Centre Right  
 Finding: Overflow - Not plumbed for drainage  
 Information: The air conditioning unit overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which can result in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp. 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 qualified plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



**Finding 6.05**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Alfresco > Rear Right  
 Finding: Stormwater downpipes

Information: The down pipe to the alfresco roof area at the rear of the property is not connected to the stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the downpipes and the surrounding ground area.

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

It is recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to further inspect and to extend the down pipes to the properties stormwater line as necessary.



### Finding 6.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Exterior walls - left side > Centre Left  
 Finding: Overflow - Not plumbed for drainage  
 Information: The hot water service overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which can result in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp. 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 qualified plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



**Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

**Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements

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

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

- The building compared to others of a similar age and construction appears to be in good condition.

It does however have some minor maintenance issues that will require attention. Left unmanaged some of these defects may become costly in the future and develop into more major defects over time.

At the time of inspection there was no timber termite activity found on the site or in the dwelling. No evidence of a previously installed physical or chemical termite barrier was noted, and no evidence of recent annual or regular inspections found.

A timber termite chemical treatment along with annual inspections of the property is highly recommended.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Tony Winders on: 0419 662 882

### Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

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





### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Entry  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Lounge Room  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Ensuite > Centre Right  
 Finding: Moisture Level Readings  
 Information: At the time of inspection the ensuite shower cubicle and surrounding wall areas checked with the Tramex Moisture Meter returned low - mid range moisture level readings.

Monitoring the area is advised and if any visual signs of excessive moisture appear (peeling paint, mould) then consultation with a qualified plumber or bathroom specialist would be advised.

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





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Dining Room  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.





### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Pantry - Walk In  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Hallway  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



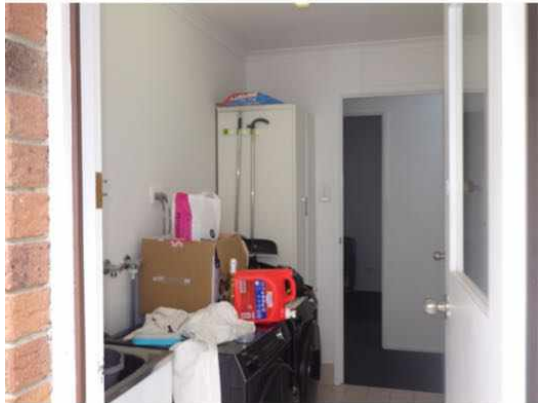
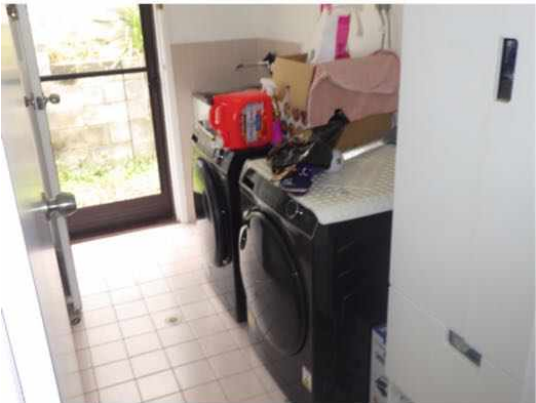
### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Toilet (WC)  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Laundry  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bedroom 4  
Finding: No obvious defect  
Information: No obvious defects found at the time of inspection.





**Noted Item**

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

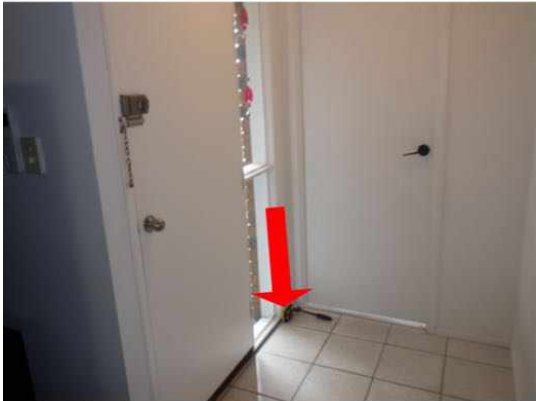


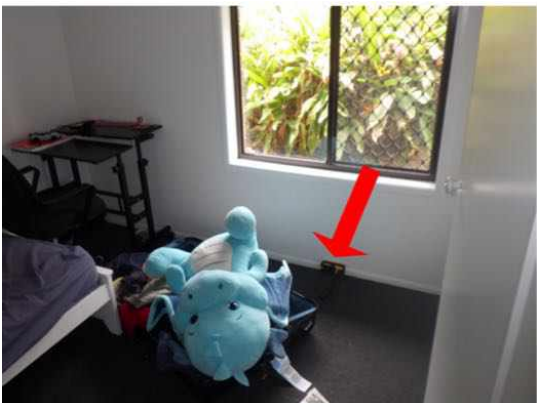
**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Internal Areas  
Finding: Termitracker

Information: The termitraker itracker was positioned randomly to internal wall, timber skirting and window frame areas checking for signs of termite activity.

No activity was recorded at the time of inspection.





Noted Item

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





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: External Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference





## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
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.