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## Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2026

Property Address: 34 Montpelier Dr, Berwick VIC 3806,  
Australia



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Special conditions or instructions

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

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

Original Inspection Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2026

Modified Date: Mon, 23 Feb 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>	✓	

### Overall Condition

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in fair condition with maintenance items required.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type	Residential, Detached
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	4
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Garage, Retaining Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Doors, External Joinery, Door Frames, Skirting Boards, Internal Joinery, Window Frames
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Tiles
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed), Rendered
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.

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

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

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

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

### Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling linings
- Duct work
- Decking
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Landscaping
- Rugs
- Stored items
- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings
- Wall linings

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

### Undetected defect risk

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

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

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

No evidence was found

### Major Defect

No evidence was found

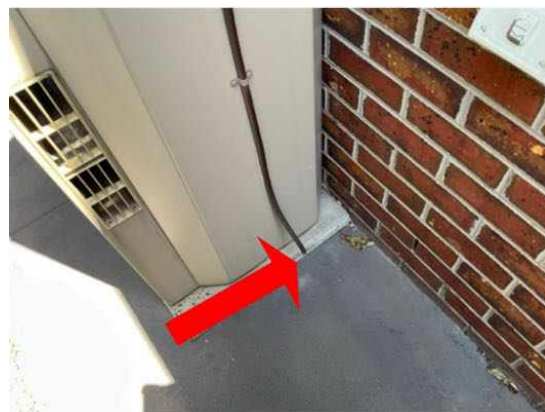
### Minor Defect

#### Defects 3.01

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard - Side  
 Finding: HWS Overflow - Not Connected  
 Information: The Hot Water System (HWS) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

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 HWS overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.



#### Defects 3.02

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External areas  
 Finding: Gaps Below External Windows – Inadequate Sealing

Information: Gaps were observed beneath some external windows, indicating insufficient or deteriorated sealing in these areas. These openings may allow moisture ingress, air drafts, and potential pest entry, particularly during adverse weather conditions.

Unsealed or poorly sealed gaps can lead to internal water damage over time and reduce the overall thermal efficiency of the building envelope.

It is recommended that a qualified contractor or sealant specialist be engaged to properly seal all visible gaps using appropriate weather-resistant materials to restore protection and prevent future issues.



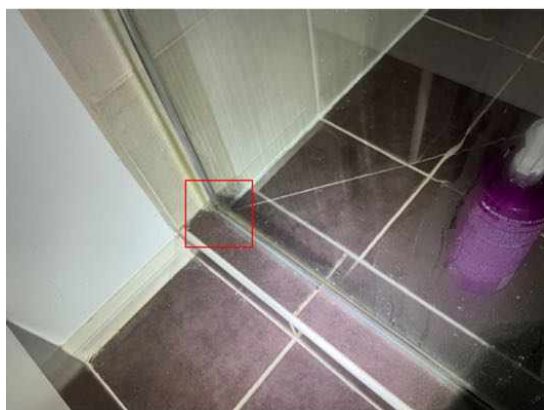


### Defects 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Shower screen - Sealing required
Information:	Leaking was evident to the ensuite's shower screen at the time of inspection. It is suspected that the leaking has occurred as a result of deteriorated or missing caulking to the shower or general ageing of the building elements.

Leaking from the shower where left unattended, is likely to lead to water damage to adjoining flooring and walls. Such damage can lead to water damage and necessitate extensive remedial works being required. Active water leaks may also create an environment that is susceptible to the formation and development of mould.

Appointment of a caulking contractor is required to repair or replace the caulking to the shower area. Such works should be performed as soon as possible to ensure that no further damage occurs.



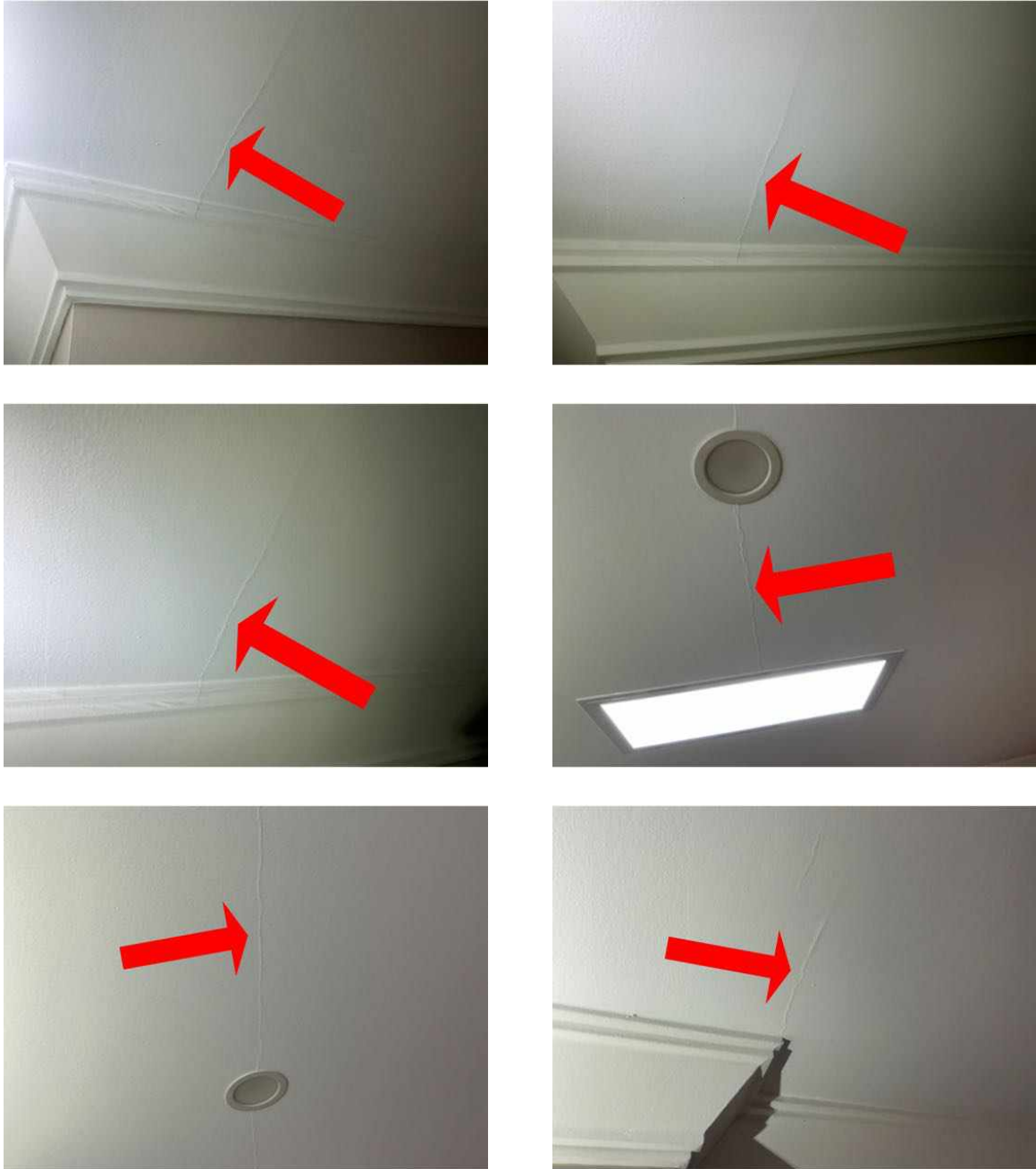
### Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Dining/living room
Finding:	Ceiling Cracking – Dining and Living Areas
Information:	Multiple cracks were identified to the ceiling linings within the dining and living areas. The cracks are generally narrow, approximately 1mm in width, and observed at multiple locations across the ceiling surface.

Hairline ceiling cracking of this nature is commonly associated with normal building movement, minor settlement, seasonal expansion and contraction of framing timbers, and general ageing of materials. However, where alterations such as the installation of a skylight have been undertaken, modifications to ceiling framing and roof structure may influence load distribution and support to the surrounding plasterboard. In some cases, inadequate trimming, insufficient framing support, or movement around altered sections can contribute to cracking patterns. While the cracking observed appears minor at the time of inspection, ongoing movement or insufficient structural support may lead to progressive deterioration if not addressed.

It is recommended that a qualified carpenter or registered builder assess the ceiling framing above, particularly in areas surrounding any structural alterations, to confirm that adequate support and trimming members are installed in accordance with standard building practice. Subject to confirmation that no structural concerns exist, the cracks can be filled, sanded and repainted by a qualified painter to restore

appearance. Ongoing monitoring is also advised to ensure the cracking does not widen or reoccur.



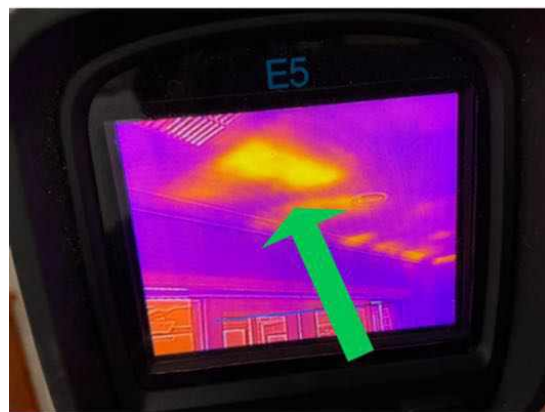
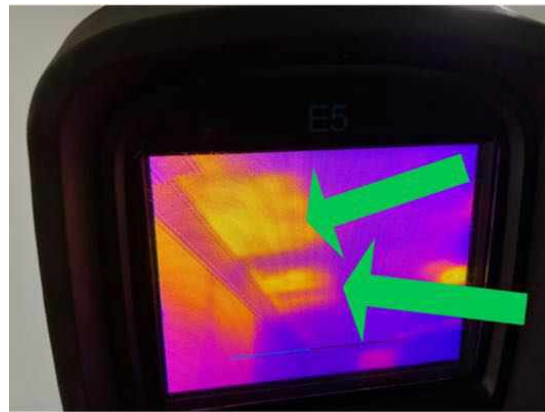
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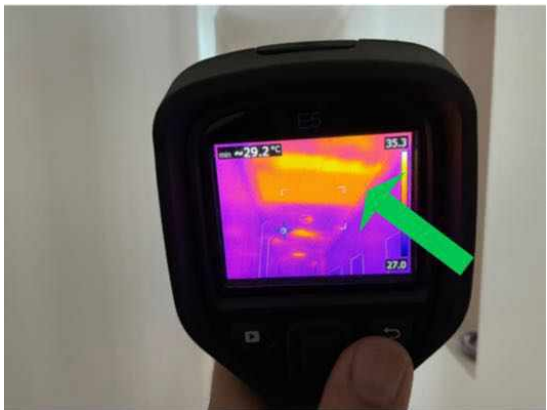
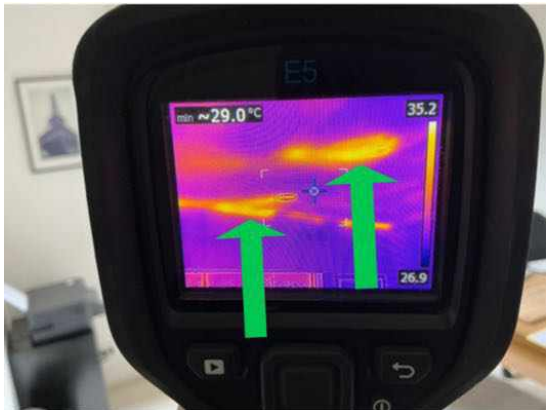
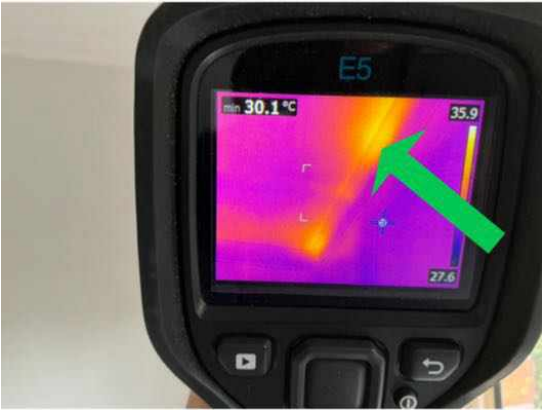
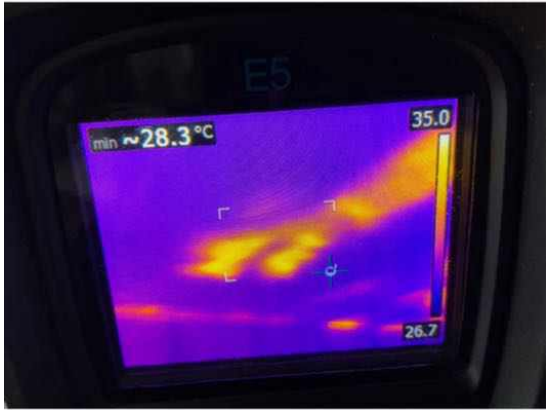
Building: Main Building  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Inconsistent Thermal Performance to Ceiling Areas – Suspected Insulation Deficiencies  
Information: Thermal imaging conducted to internal ceiling areas at the time of inspection identified inconsistent heat patterns, which are indicative of variations in thermal performance across the roof space. These patterns are commonly associated with areas of

missing, displaced, or insufficient insulation above the ceiling linings.

Inadequate or uneven insulation coverage can reduce the energy efficiency of the dwelling, contribute to heat loss in cooler periods and heat gain in warmer conditions, and may result in reduced occupant comfort and increased heating and cooling costs. Due to the non-invasive nature of the inspection, the exact extent and condition of insulation could not be confirmed visually in all affected areas.

It is recommended that a qualified insulation contractor inspect the roof space, assess insulation coverage and condition, and top up or reinstate insulation where required to achieve consistent thermal performance throughout the property.





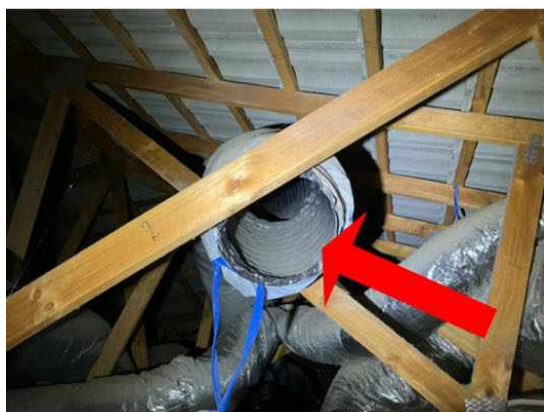
Defects 3.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Disconnected Ducting on Roof  
 Information: Upon visual inspection of the roof, it was observed that the ducting system has become disconnected. This disconnection can lead to several issues, including compromised heating and cooling efficiency, as conditioned air may escape into the attic space rather than being delivered to the intended areas of the building. Consequently, this may result in increased energy consumption and higher utility costs.

Furthermore, disconnected ducting can create an unbalanced airflow within the system, leading to inconsistent temperatures throughout the building. Inadequate airflow may cause some areas to become excessively hot or cold, affecting overall comfort levels and placing undue strain on the HVAC system, which may lead to premature wear and tear.

To address this issue, it is recommended that a licensed HVAC technician be engaged to inspect the ducting system thoroughly. The technician should reconnect any disconnected ducts and assess the entire system for any additional repairs or maintenance that may be necessary. Ensuring that the ducting is properly sealed and insulated will enhance the system's efficiency and prolong its lifespan.

Regular inspections and maintenance of the ducting system are essential to prevent similar issues from occurring in the future. Engaging professionals for routine check-ups will help ensure optimal performance and comfort within the building.

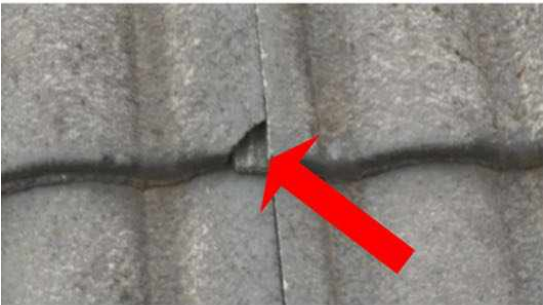


### Defects 3.07

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Exterior  
 Finding: Roof tiles - Broken  
 Information: Upon inspection of the exterior roof covering, broken roofing tiles were identified. Broken and friable roof tiles are generally the result of ageing and weathering of what is essentially a porous material.

If left to further deteriorate, broken and brittle roof tiles are likely to lead to water penetration via the roof into the ceiling space, causing secondary damage to ceiling linings, insulation and roof structures. Broken roof tiles are also likely to detract from the effectiveness of the roof drainage system, creating potential for secondary damage to the exterior roof covering and roof plumbing.

Replacement of broken tiles is required and should be performed by a roofing contractor as soon as possible.





### Defects 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External areas
Finding:	Bridging attachments to buildings - Conducive conditions to Timber pest activity
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 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.



### Defects 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External areas
Finding:	In Ground Contact - Conducive conditions to Timber pest activity
Information:	Any timbers in direct ground contact provide an opportunity for concealed termite entry and are likely to be subject to premature rot and decay due to soil retaining moisture or creating damp conditions against the timber surfaces.

Untreated timber in direct contact with the external ground should be removed. Consider replacing with more durable materials, such as appropriately treated timber or non-timber elements, to reduce the risk of decay and termite attack.

Frequent pest inspections by a licensed pest control technician are recommended to readily identify any termite activity in these areas and ensure early intervention if required.



## 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

- Upon inspection, the 4-bedroom dwelling was found to be in fair condition relative to other buildings of a similar age. However, multiple maintenance defects were identified as listed in the body of this report that require urgent attention to prevent them from developing into more significant issues. It is crucial that these defects be addressed promptly to maintain the overall condition of the property.

The property is considered moderately susceptible to timber pest activity due to conducive conditions identified around the dwelling. No live termite activity was observed at the time of inspection. A termite management system was identified on-site. It is recommended that a qualified termite specialist be engaged to carry out annual timber pest inspections and to ensure ongoing protection and compliance.

It is strongly recommended that the client engage the appropriate qualified tradespeople, as outlined in the defect statements, to carry out the necessary repairs and maintenance as soon as possible.

Several obstructions and limitations were present at the time of inspection, restricting access and visibility in certain areas. These impediments affected the ability to conduct a fully comprehensive assessment. The client is advised to clear these obstructions and arrange a follow-up inspection to ensure all areas are thoroughly inspected.

## Disclaimer

This report is based on a visual inspection of accessible areas and is reflective of the conditions observed at the time of inspection. Some issues may not be visible or detectable due to existing obstructions, limitations, or the inherent nature of building materials and construction methods. As a visual inspection, this assessment is limited to the conditions observed during the inspection period, and as such, cannot account for potential changes or developments occurring after the inspection date. Once the inspection is complete and the report is issued, it should be noted that it represents the status of the property at that moment in time and may not reflect any subsequent changes.

Particularly regarding external elements such as concrete paving and outdoor drainage systems, evaluations are inherently limited when conducted in dry conditions, and it may not be possible to assess the complete drainage performance or identify water pooling issues that could become evident in periods of rainfall. Although a spirit level was used to check multiple areas of the paving for slope, this method cannot account for each and every point across the paving, nor can it replicate the effects of heavy rain. Thus, without rainfall during the inspection, any potential drainage issues or water pooling along the perimeter cannot be fully anticipated.

Furthermore, this report notes that various wet areas, such as showers, may not have been used for extended periods. While moisture testing was conducted at accessible locations, prolonged inactivity can obscure potential leaks or hidden defects, as some issues may only manifest after sustained use. Therefore, issues related to inactive wet areas may require ongoing observation over time to ensure that any potential problems can be identified and addressed.

Any recommendations provided herein are made to the best of professional judgment, based on current observations, and should not be considered exhaustive of all potential defects or maintenance needs. It is recommended that clients undertake regular inspections and proactive maintenance, particularly of exterior elements and areas exposed to environmental factors, to support the ongoing integrity of the property and to address potential issues that may arise under varying conditions. Regular professional evaluations can help ensure that the property's condition is maintained over time, especially as weather and usage patterns fluctuate.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Mohamed Khattab on: 0477 660 118

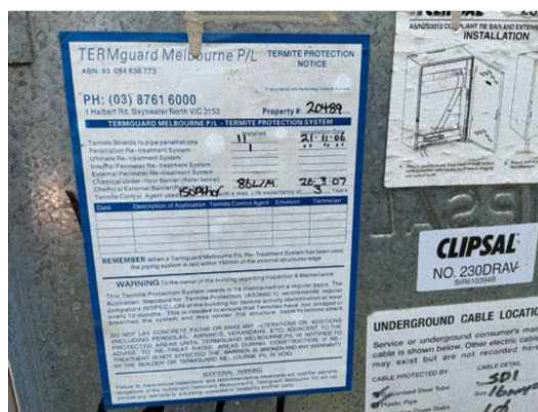
## Section D Significant Items

### The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Evidence of Termite Management Protection System  
 Information: During the inspection, evidence of a termite management protection system was observed within the meter box. No active termite activity was detected at the time of inspection. The presence of the system indicates that preventative measures have been installed to protect the property from potential timber pest activity.

It is recommended that the termite management system be regularly maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines and industry standards to ensure continued effectiveness. Routine inspections by a licensed pest control professional are advised to monitor for any signs of termite activity.



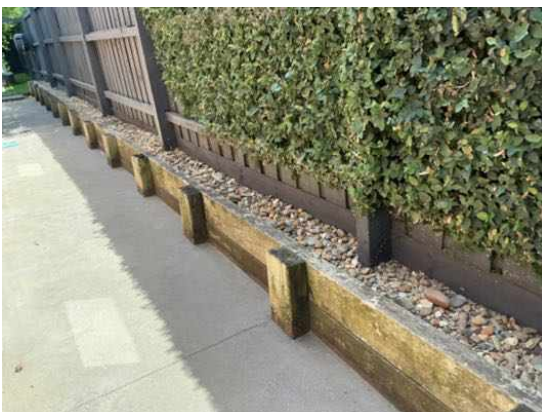
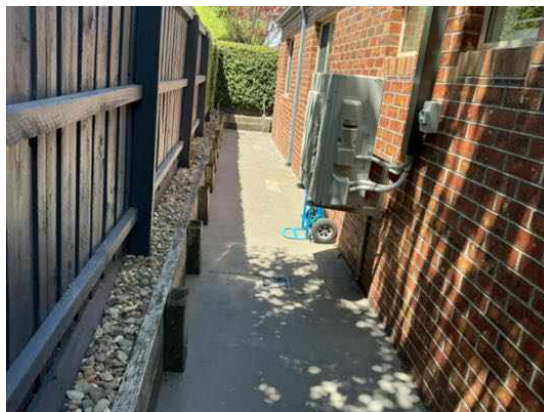
#### Noted Item

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



**Noted Item**

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



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Obstructions and Limitations - roof cavity  
 Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded the inspection of the roof cavity area of the property at the time of inspection. The roof manhole opening was particularly narrow and provided restricted entry dimensions. In addition, fixed laundry cabinetry and a benchtop were installed directly beneath the manhole, significantly limiting safe and practical access into the roof space.

These obstructions can conceal an array of defects including structural deficiencies, moisture ingress, insulation concerns, timber pest activity and non-compliant building alterations. Although reasonable attempts were made to access and inspect the roof cavity to the extent safely possible, inspection coverage was limited due to the restricted entry conditions.



## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm <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.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazards	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.

## Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

**This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician.** We recommend a special-purpose report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

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

**This is not a pest report.** As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MOISTURE

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

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

## MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

**NO CERTIFICATION**

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

**RECTIFICATION COSTS**

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