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# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 6 Mar 2026

Property Address: 162/8 Starling St, Buderim QLD 4556,  
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: Fri, 6 Mar 2026

## The Parties

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Name of the Client:

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Name of the Principal(if Applicable): Not 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: This report has been compiled for the sole use of the client purchasing the inspection of the property named in this document. As such this report is guaranteed and insured only for this named person.

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Workhealth & Safety Queensland, working in domestic roof spaces.

On 1 January 2025, the Queensland department of Work health and Safety introduced legislation

regarding carryout working or entering domestic roof spaces. There are now strict workplace health and safety rules for working in domestic roof spaces to ensure the safety of workers and others. The building inspection industry is awaiting a ruling on the type of work we carry out, the impact of turning the power off, and the ability to provide a satisfactory and adequately informed inspection of this critical area of the home.

Until such time as this ruling is delivered, each inspection will involve a risk assessment based on the visible and perceivable risks involved with each roof void inspection. If it is deemed as moderate risk or higher, the space will only be inspected from ceiling access hatch and photographed using torch light and camera zoom functions.

For more detailed information, visit the WorkSafe Queensland website at <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/safety-and-prevention/hazards/electricity/hazardous-electrical-environments/domestic-roof-spaces>, or the Electrical Safety Office at <https://www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au/electrical-safety-home/roof-spaces>.

Australian Standard AS 3660 recognises frequent inspections will not prevent termite attack, but may help in the detection of termite activity. Early detection will allow remedial treatment to be commenced sooner so damaged is minimised. Another Timber Pest Inspection by a licensed Pest Inspector in 3 months time is recommended.

The report contains important information regarding the condition of the subject property. Please read the report thoroughly and in its entirety. Should there be any questions arising from the information contained herein, please contact the inspector named on this report for clarification and explanation.

## 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 low risk in relation to susceptibility to timber pests. Although the property is low risk and due to its construction method a termite treatment is not suitable, minimum 12 monthly inspections should still be considered in any property that contains timber elements.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Apartment
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Concrete
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	2
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Footpath, Driveway, Party Walls, Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Fence - Brick, Garage
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Internal Joinery, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Skirting Boards, Floating Floor
Roof	Timber Framed, Pitched, Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond)
Storeys	Single
Walls	Concrete Block, Rendered
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.

- Wall Exterior
- The Site
- Interior
- 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.
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Roof Exterior.
- Roof Void due to lack of access.

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:

- Ceiling linings
- Appliances and equipment

- Above safe working height
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Furniture
- Fixed ceilings
- Lack of suitable access or entry point
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- No safe point from which to access roof exterior
- Floor coverings
- Roof framing - not trafficable
- Stored items
- Unsafe to Access Roof - No Fall Protection System
- 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: Living Room  
Finding: Window sill / reveal damage  
Information: During the inspection moisture damage and elevated moisture readings were noted in the plastered reveal of the corner window of the living room as shown. Damage is mostly isolated to the bottom sill and external / internal corners, which would indicate that moisture may be entering through the corner joint between the two panes of glass.

It is not uncommon for this type of finish to be affected in building close to the coast. It was also noticeable that the moisture is affecting the metal external plaster angle.

This should be monitored and if there is no change in the reveal appearance, a licensed plasterer or painter should be engaged to carry out the necessary repairs.





**Finding 3.02**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bathroom  
Finding: Elevated moisture present at the time of inspection - bathroom  
Information: Elevated moisture was noted in the lower tiled wall surfaces of the bathroom shower.

The levels varied at differing points throughout the recess. This could possibly be due to deteriorated grout and silicone sealants and / or plumbing fittings and fixtures. The grouts and sealants can break down over time and become porous, allowing moisture to enter the wall sheet surface behind the tiles. Some wear and scouring was noted in the grout joints.

Readings were not able to be taken on the reverse sides of the walls due to obstructions.

Plumbing, and shower fittings and fixtures, can be areas of water penetration if not installed correctly and sealed completely. Whenever a fitting is screwed / fitted to the tiled shower walls, the holes and fittings should be sealed with an appropriate sealant to prevent water from entering the wall cavity. This is a common fault.

Elevated moisture can attract timber pests and vermin, and produce conditions that promote timber pest attack, fungal growth and wood decay.

It is recommended that the moisture levels in these areas be minored over time and the grout and silicone could be renewed to possibly eliminate any further moisture penetration.

A licensed tiler and / or sealant specialist could be engaged to renew these elements.





**Finding 3.03**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Living Room  
 Finding: Wall - moisture stained, minor damage  
 Information: Moisture damage to the wall lining on the interior surface of the external wall beneath the air conditioner was noted on the day of inspection and is generally an indication of moisture being present at some time previously from a leak in the air conditioner head unit.

It appears that the leak may have been resolved as there were no elevated readings shown on the day.

Monitor this in the future and ensure regular servicing is carried out on the air conditioner.



### Finding 3.04

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bedrooms  
 Finding: Carpet overstretched  
 Information: At the time of inspection the carpet in the bedrooms appears to be overstretched and is loose. A carport / flooring contractor could be engaged to make good the carpet surface.





### **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

- Registered/Licensed Builder

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

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

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This apartment appears sound and in good condition for a building of its age and construction type, with some minor defects and maintenance items requiring attention.

The defects observed and noted are minor in nature relating to maintenance and repairs consistent with a home of this age and construction type.

The moisture readings in the shower recess are limited to the lower courses of tiles, which can usually indicate grout and silicone degradation.

There were also items pertaining to the pest management of the property, it would be advisable to attend to these in the short term.

Generally the home appears well built, and is in good condition.

Please note that any and all minor defects that are not rectified have the potential to become major defects over time. Attention to maintenance items and defects is advised. Should the intended purpose of the property be for rental purposes, diligence on the part of the property managers and property owners is prudent to the buildings continued integrity and a well maintained investment. Failure to do so may lead to ongoing defective items.

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For further information, advice and clarification please contact Phillip Harrison on: 0408 583 355

## Section D Significant Items

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

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Kitchen cupboard  
 Finding: Durable timber pest notice - not assessable  
 Information: On the day of inspection it was noted that the durable pest inspection / treatment notice was missing, not visible or out of date. These notices / stickers are to verify the currency and type of timber pest system / barrier in place or being used in and around the property.

It will be assumed that there is no current system in use.

It is recommend that a licensed timber pest controller be contacted to assess the properties needs and provide costings.



#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Internal Areas  
 Finding: Smoke Detectors and Alarms. AS 3786:2014  
 Information: Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

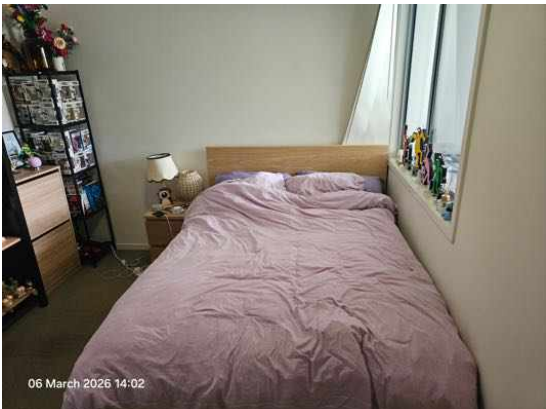
Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building. Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

Please refer to AS3786: 2014 and state based legislation, which may also apply.



### Noted Item

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



Noted Item

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







**The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program**

**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: No termite management system detected  
 Information: There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter box and / or the kitchen sink cupboard) observable physical barriers installed to

building perimeter and in ground reticulation systems.

There were no indicators that a system or barrier is in place within the property or building.

Where a Termite Management System has been identified you should refer to the type of barrier date of installation warranty conditions and any documentation provided by a builder or past owner. Consult the company who installed the barrier to confirm whether the system is still under warranty.

Although the construction type of the building means a possible low risk environment, diligence should still be exercised. In complexes such as this, the body corporate usually manages the timber pest programme. Discuss this with the agent and the committee.

## 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.