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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2026

Property Address: 4/40 New Line Rd, West Pennant Hills NSW
2125, Australia



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The Parties

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The following apply: Not Applicable

Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

Overall Condition (Building)

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

Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type

Villa

Company or Strata title

Unknown

Floor

Slab on ground

Furnished

Furnished

No. of bedrooms

3

Occupied

Unoccupied

Orientation

West

Other Building Elements

Garage, Retaining Walls, Shed

Other Timber Bldg Elements

Architraves, Deck, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Skirting Boards, Window Frames

Roof

Tiled, Timber Framed, Pitched

Storeys

Single

Walls

Brick Veneer

Weather

Overcast

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
- Landscaping Timbers
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part
- 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.
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Inside of the fencing.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.

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
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling cavity inspection was significantly obstructed with more than 75% of the inspectable area inaccessible or obstructed by factors like lack of safe access, insulation and ducting.
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- Evidence of remedial cleaning may result in lower levels of contaminant being detected.
- External concrete or paving
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Lack of natural or acceptable lighting
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 75% of every room.
- Vegetation obscured up to 50% of the area for inspection.

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

Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

A risk rating is provided to help you understand the degree to which accessibility issues and the

presence of obstructions have limited the scope of the inspection

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

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

Section D Significant Items

Safety Hazard

Finding 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Deck
Finding:	External timber balcony or deck-structural stability
Information:	The load capacity of the external balcony or deck could not be verified during the inspection.

External timber structures are also constantly exposed to weather deteriorates in an exhilarate manner, ongoing assessments are required.

It is highly recommended that a structural engineer further, assess the external timber balcony or a deck to inform the client of its load capacity.

Regular maintenance inspections by competent practitioners is needed.



Major Defect

Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Leaning timber fence
Information:	The fence is leaning, deviating from its vertical position, compromising its stability and aesthetic appeal.

The leaning fence poses a risk of collapse, potential property damage, and a security breach, diminishing its effectiveness as a barrier.

A skilled fencing contractor or handyman is needed to assess and rectify the leaning fence. Timely repair is crucial to restore the fence's stability and prevent further damage or safety hazards.





Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber - exposed to weather
Information:	External timbers that are frequently exposed to harsh weather conditions require adequate protection in order to maintain their condition. Where timbers have not been painted or treated adequately, general deterioration is likely to occur at an accelerated rate.

If left unattended, replacement of these timbers is likely to be necessary in the short-term future. Adequate treatment of these timbers is required as soon as possible by a painting contractor or general handyman.



Finding 3.02

Building: Main Building

Location: Yard - Front

Finding: Retaining wall - Defective

Information: The retaining wall in this area was found to be defective at the time of inspection. Generally, defective retaining walls are caused by poor original design or material use. However, deteriorated retaining walls may also be a result of substandard construction, poor site drainage or unmanaged stormwater flows.

If left unmanaged, the retaining wall may become a safety hazard if it continues to destabilise. Where retaining walls further rot and decay, an environment is created that is conducive to termite and pest infestation.

Significant repair and replacement should be expected. Where retaining walls are considered structural walls, a structural engineer / surveyor should be consulted regarding required remedial works. Otherwise, a landscaper or retaining wall installer may be appointed to repair or replace the wall, at the discretion of the client.





Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Crack in concrete slab - Category 0
Information:	A crack coded as Category 0 was identified in the slab. A Category 0 crack is described as a hairline crack, representing insignificant movement of slab from level.

The approximate width of the crack to be considered Category 0 is 0.3mm, or change in offset of less than 8mm when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

No rectification is required at this time. However, all cracking should be monitored over a 12 month period to identify any further damage in the area.



Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Pavers uneven and displaced
Information:	Cracked, uneven, and displaced pavers were observed. Several pavers appear loose, misaligned, or deteriorated.

Risk:

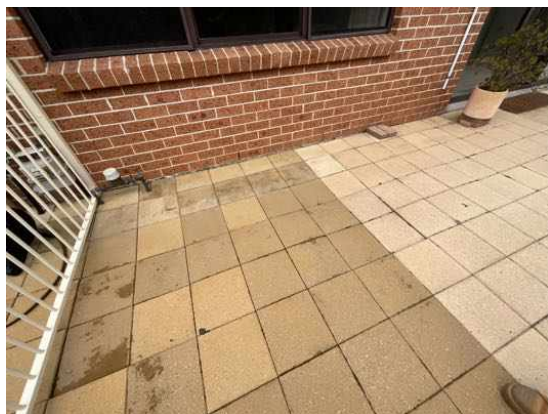
The uneven surface poses a significant trip hazard for pedestrians and may impact the usability of the driveway. Displacement and cracking can worsen over time due to vehicle traffic, poor subbase compaction, or water ingress. Wall cracking may lead to moisture entry or structural wear if left untreated.

Recommendation:

- A qualified paving contractor should be engaged to lift, relevel, and relay the affected pavers with proper bedding and compaction.
- A licensed builder or bricklayer should repair and seal the masonry wall crack around the pipe to prevent further water ingress and deterioration.

- Drainage should also be checked to ensure water is not contributing to the issue.





Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right 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.



Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing
Finding:	Detoriated fence

Information: The fence along the property boundary has deteriorated significantly, showing signs of rot, rust, and structural weakness. Several sections are leaning or have become detached, compromising the integrity of the fence and its ability to perform its intended function.

Risk:

The deteriorated fence poses multiple risks:

1. **Safety Hazard:** The unstable fence may collapse, posing a risk of injury to residents, visitors, and passersby.
2. **Security Concern:** The compromised fence may allow unauthorized access to the property, increasing the risk of theft, vandalism, or trespassing.
3. **Property Damage:** Falling sections of the fence could damage nearby structures, plants, or other property features.
4. **Legal Liability:** If the fence were to fail and cause injury or damage to neighboring properties, the property owner may be held liable.

Who Can Fix It:

- **Licensed Fencing Contractor:** A professional fencing contractor should be hired to assess the extent of the damage and either repair or replace the deteriorated sections.
- **Handyman Services:** For minor repairs, a qualified handyman could be engaged to reinforce or repair specific sections of the fence.
- **Landscaper (if the fence is part of a larger garden feature):** If the fence is integrated into the landscape design, a landscaper with experience in fencing could be involved in the repair or replacement process.

It's important to ensure that whoever is hired is experienced and qualified to ensure the fence is restored to a safe and functional condition, compliant with local regulations.



Finding 3.07

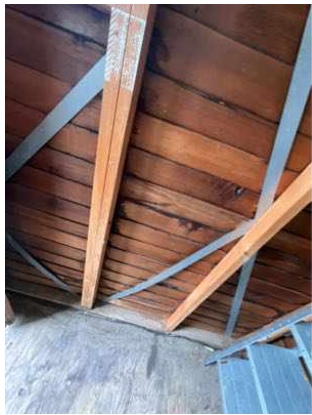
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Shed
Finding:	Shed - detached shed structure significant deterioration
Information:	The detached shed structure exhibits signs of significant deterioration, including weathered and rotting external cladding, uneven and damaged ceiling linings, and general structural instability. These conditions indicate the structure is not fit for safe use or occupation in its current state.
Risk:	
	High – Structural instability poses a safety hazard, with potential for partial collapse,

injury, or failure during adverse weather conditions.

Recommendation:

Engage a licensed builder or structural engineer to conduct a full assessment of the shed's condition and advise on required repairs or reconstruction. Demolition and rebuild may be more cost-effective depending on the severity of structural issues.





Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building
Location: Yard - Back
Finding: Water pooling - poor surface drainage
Information: Surface drainage

The paving/landscaping should direct surface water away from the building.

Surface water drainage is defective if it is not in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

Water appears to be pooling. It is suspected that this is a result of insufficient fall.

Such water pooling also increases the risk of termite activity and the development of fungal decay in the area.

Consult a Licensed Plumber regarding the cost of potential site drainage rectification works.





Finding 3.09

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Exterior
 Finding: Roof Weathered - metal roof sheeting
 Information: The roof sheeting shows visible weathering, surface oxidation, and deterioration of fastener washers. Some sheet overlaps appear uneven and may not provide adequate weatherproofing at joints near the dormer. The sealant and flashing junctions also show signs of age and deterioration.

Implication:

Prolonged weather exposure and rusting can lead to corrosion, potential roof leaks, and reduced lifespan of the sheeting. Deteriorated fasteners may allow water ingress, particularly around joints and penetrations.

Recommendation:

Engage a licensed roofing contractor to inspect and maintain the affected areas. Replace rusted screws and washers, resecure loose or uneven sheets, and apply protective roof coating or repainting as required. Check flashings and sealants to ensure watertightness.





Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Blocked gutters - organic debris
Information:	The roof gutter system was observed to be blocked with organic debris and moss growth, as evident in the provided images.

Risk:

Blocked gutters can prevent proper stormwater drainage, leading to water overflow. This may result in:

- Water ingress into the eaves or walls,
- Timber rot or deterioration of fascia and soffits,
- Accelerated moss and algae growth, promoting further blockages,
- Potential foundation issues if water pools near the base of the structure.

Recommended Action:

Cleaning of the gutters and downpipes is required to restore proper drainage function. Installation of gutter guards may also be considered to prevent future blockages.

Who Can Fix It:

A licensed roofing contractor or qualified gutter cleaning service should be engaged to remove the debris and inspect the system for any further issues.





Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Mortar - damage and deterioration
Information:	The mortar joints in the brickwork and concrete structures, exhibit signs of damage and deterioration. The mortar has visibly cracked, crumbled, and eroded in sections, leading to weakened structural integrity of the affected areas.

Risk:

If left unaddressed, the deterioration of mortar can allow moisture ingress, leading to potential water damage, mold growth, or further weakening of the wall's structure. Over time, this could lead to more significant structural issues such as cracking in the masonry or even partial collapse, presenting safety hazards.

Recommendation:

A qualified bricklayer or masonry specialist should be engaged to perform repointing of the damaged mortar joints. The process involves removing the deteriorated mortar and replacing it with fresh mortar to restore the integrity of the structure. The affected concrete areas should also be repaired, possibly with a concrete repair specialist to ensure proper sealing and protection against further weathering and water infiltration.





Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building
Location: Exterior walls - rear
Finding: Downpipe leakage
Information: The downpipes in the drainage system exhibit leaking water.

The leaking downpipes pose a risk of water damage to the building’s foundation, exterior walls, and surrounding landscape. Prolonged exposure to moisture can lead to structural deterioration, mold growth, and compromised drainage.

A qualified plumber or roofing specialist should inspect and replace the leaking downpipes. Repair or replacement may involve fixing the areas, applying protective

coatings, or installing new downpipes to ensure proper drainage and prevent further water damage. Early intervention is crucial to avoid escalating issues.

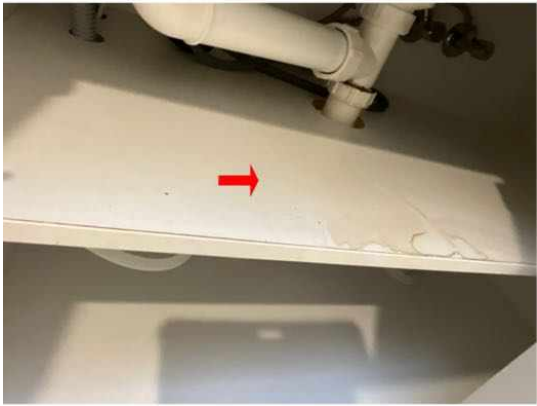


Finding 3.13

Building: Main Building
Location: Kitchen
Finding: Water Stains in Vanity
Information: "Water stains observed in the vanity area, compromising its appearance and potentially causing damage."

Continued water exposure may lead to material damage, mold growth, and diminished aesthetic appeal.

A licensed plumber or maintenance professional should assess and fix any leaks contributing to the water stains, while a cleaning or restoration service may be needed to address the visible stains and prevent further damage.





Finding 3.14

Building: Main Building

Location: Laundry

Finding: Tiles - Cracked or damaged

Information: Cracking was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection. While the cracking appears to be minor, this area is frequently exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring.

If left unmanaged, water penetration to these areas may lead to subsequent water damage, which is likely necessitate repair work to affected building elements.

A tiling contractor should be appointed to ensure that no further water damage occurs. The re-application of silicone and grouting throughout remaining tile work is also advised, to further protect the area against water penetration.

Where water penetration has led to water damage, appointment of a relevant tradesperson may be required to repair damaged building elements.



Finding 3.15

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Cabinetry noticeable signs of aging and wear and tear

Information: “The cabinetry within the property is exhibiting noticeable signs of aging and wear and tear, manifesting as surface scratches, faded finishes, and worn edges. This degradation not only compromises the aesthetic quality of the cabinetry but also raises concerns about long-term durability and functionality.”

The risks associated with aging and wear in cabinetry include:

1. Aesthetic Deterioration: Visible signs of wear diminish the overall visual appeal of the cabinetry, affecting the aesthetics of the surrounding spaces.
2. Reduced Functionality: Wear and tear may impact the functionality of doors, drawers, and hinges, leading to difficulty in operation and potential disruptions in daily use.
3. Accelerated Deterioration: Ignoring aging signs can accelerate the deterioration process, increasing the likelihood of more extensive damage over time.

To address aging and wear in cabinetry, it is recommended to:

1. Cabinet Refinishing or Refacing:

- Engage a professional cabinetry specialist or carpenter to assess the extent of wear and recommend refinishing or refacing options.
- This may involve repairing scratches, applying new finishes, or replacing worn-out components to restore the cabinetry’s appearance.

2. Preventive Measures:

- Implement preventive measures, such as regular cleaning and maintenance, to slow down the aging process and extend the life of the cabinetry.

3. Upgrades or Replacement:

- In cases of severe wear, consider upgrading specific components or replacing the cabinetry to ensure long-term durability and aesthetic satisfaction.

Timely intervention by a qualified professional is essential to rejuvenate the cabinetry, enhancing its appearance and preserving functionality. Regular maintenance practices can further contribute to the longevity of the cabinetry in the years to come.



Finding 3.16

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Light fitting - Damaged

Information: The light fitting in this area was found to be damaged at the time of inspection. Damage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may also be indicative of impact damage to the building element (accidental or deliberate).

Left unmanaged, the fitting is unlikely to cause further damage to surrounding building elements. However, the broken light fitting may expose electrical works, and may create a minor safety hazard if there is potential contact with persons in the area.

Repair and/or replacement of the damaged fitting is advised. A Licensed electrician should be appointed to repair/replace the light fitting at the client's discretion.



Finding 3.17

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Skylight damaged

Information: Skylight or natural light diffuser in the roof space appears to be cracked..

Risks:

- Water Ingress: A damaged or unsealed sunlit can allow rainwater to enter the roof cavity, causing damage to insulation, ceiling linings, or timber framing.
- Pest Entry: Gaps or cracks may provide access points for insects or rodents.
- Thermal Inefficiency: Unsealed areas can compromise insulation performance and contribute to energy loss.
- Structural Degradation: Ongoing water ingress can lead to rot, mould growth, or degradation of framing timbers over time.

Recommended Trade to Rectify:

- Roof Plumber or Licensed Roofing Contractor – To inspect the skylight , reseal or replace it as needed, and ensure proper waterproofing and flashing are in place in accordance with NCC and relevant Australian Standards.



Finding 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Exhaust fan not vented out

Information: The exhaust fan located within the roof void is not appropriately ducted to the external atmosphere and is currently discharging moist air directly into the roof space. This is considered a defect under AS 4349.1, as it does not meet the minimum standard of residential building performance expected under normal residential building practices.

Risk Implication:

This condition may lead to excessive condensation within the roof void, increasing the risk of mould growth, deterioration of insulation, timber decay, and overall reduced durability of building elements. It may also result in poor indoor air quality, potentially affecting occupant health.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the exhaust fan be modified by a licensed HVAC contractor or qualified builder, ensuring it is properly ducted to discharge externally in accordance with manufacturer specifications, the National Construction Code (NCC), and applicable Australian Standards.





Finding 3.19

Building: Main Building

Location: Roof Void

Finding: Insulation - Covering downlights

Information: Sections of insulation in the roof void have been poorly installed or moved from their original position and are covering down light fittings. While the down lights have been fitted with appropriate protective covers, the presence of this insulation creates a potential fire hazard.

Any insulation within the vicinity of down light fixtures should be moved and re-applied to more appropriate sections of the roof void, thus ensuring the area is fire-safe. An insulation contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform any necessary works as required.



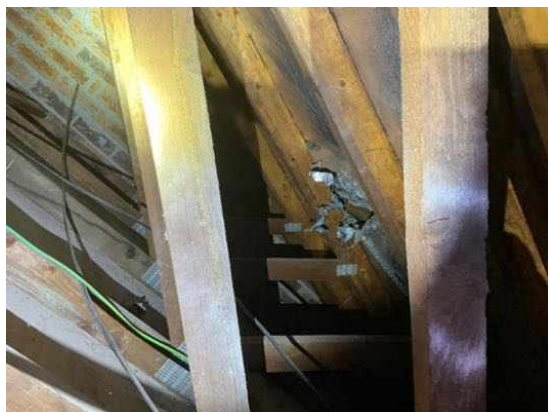


Finding 3.20

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

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

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



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: Garage
 Finding: No Evidence of Termite Management System - Durable notice / Legible Sticker
 Information: The application of a pre & post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice was not placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers is legible at the time of inspection.

Client must seek further information from the vendor or real estate agent if the

conditions of termite management systems were maintained.

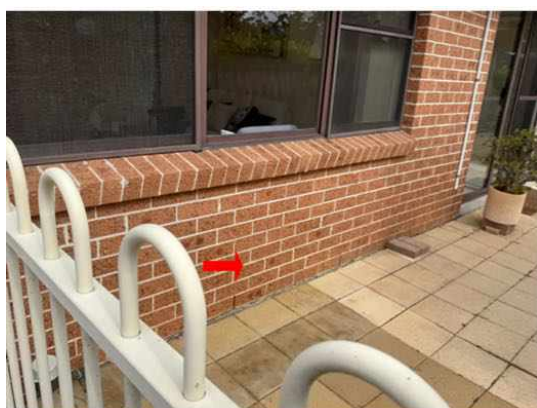


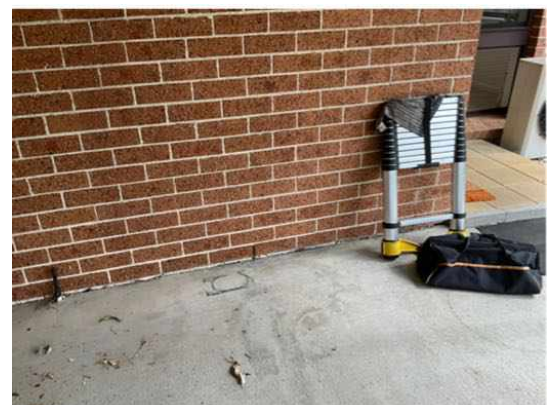
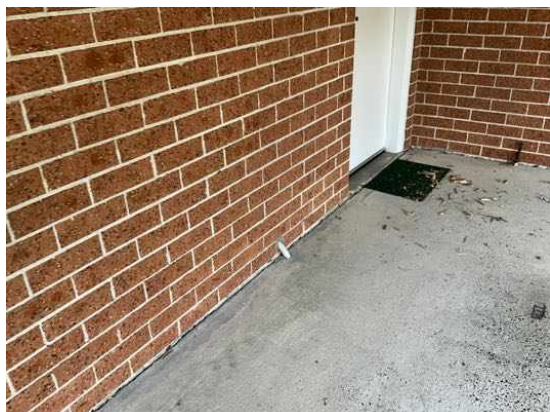
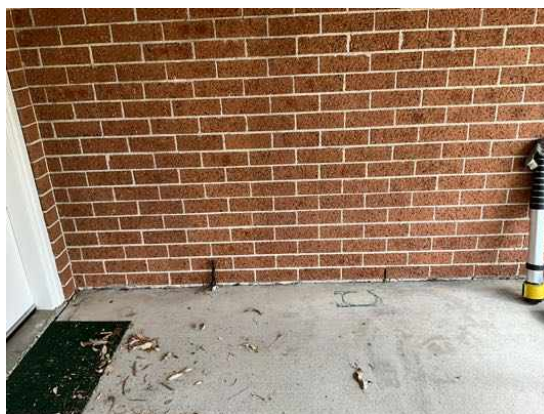
Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building
 Location: All Areas
 Finding: Slab Edge - Exposure
 Information: An inspection zone of at least 75mm in relation to the exposed slab edge, between the bottom brick and the perimeter pavement, is required. This inspection zone should be maintained in order to force termites into the open where they can be detected more readily during regular inspections. The slab edge should not be concealed by anything that may prevent inspection of the area, including render, landscaping, soil, turf, paving, concrete cladding or other structures.

If the slab edge is not properly exposed there is a high risk of termite attack. Sometimes, in order to determine the type of slab, a suitably qualified person such as an architect or builder may be required to consult the construction plans.

Where the slab edge cannot be properly inspected, it is highly recommended that termite or timber pest inspections be carried out every 6-12 months to aid protection of the property against infestation.





Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation
Information:	The presence of dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation, as it provides a conducive environment for them. To address this, consider maintaining a clear space between the vegetation and your home. If you suspect a termite issue, it's advisable to consult with a licensed pest control professional for inspection and treatment.

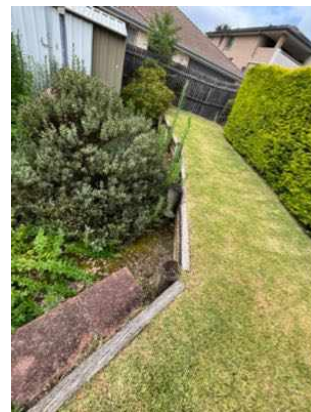




Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber on ground / conducive conditions to termite damage
Information:	Timber on the ground is indeed conducive to termite damage. Termites are known to thrive in moist environments, and wood in contact with soil or moisture is more susceptible to infestation.

To prevent this, it's important to keep timber elevated and away from direct ground contact. Regular inspections and proper termite control measures are also essential to protect your wooden structures from termite damage.





Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Bridging or Obstruction Conducive environment for Termites
Information:	Bridging of termite barriers occurs when termites bridge (usually by building a mud tunnel) a termite barrier or inspection inspection zone or where termites have a passage, allowing them to bridge the barrier.

Shed, Garden Beds and Timber in direct contact with ground may obstruct a clear visual inspection to the walls and weep holes in this area.

Where bridging has occurred full inspection is prevented and termites may enter a property in a concealed or undetected manner.

Recommended moving obstructions away from the external walls for further and future inspections.



Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	HWS not connected - conducive conditions for timber pest attacks
Information:	The hot water system (HWS) is not connected, leaving exposed pipes and creating conducive conditions for timber pest attacks.

Risk of Timber Pest Attack: The risk of timber pest attack is heightened when the hot water system is not connected. Exposed pipes provide easy access points for timber pests like termites and ants to infiltrate the building structure. These pests are attracted to moisture, and the absence of flowing water through the system can lead to moisture buildup, creating an ideal environment for pests to thrive and cause damage to timber components within the building.

A licensed plumber or qualified plumbing technician should be engaged to reconnect the hot water system. They will assess the existing plumbing infrastructure, determine the appropriate connection points, and ensure proper installation and functionality of

the HWS. Additionally, they may inspect for any signs of timber pest activity and recommend preventive measures, such as installing physical barriers or implementing moisture control measures, to deter pest infestations and protect the building from damage. Regular maintenance and inspections by homeowners or property managers are also essential to detect and address potential issues before they escalate.



Finding 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Downpipes Rusty / leaking - Conductive conditions for Timber pest
Information:	Rusty / leaking downpipes can indeed pose a risk for attracting termites, as they provide a source of moisture near a building's foundation. Termites are attracted to moisture and wood, so it's important to address this issue to prevent potential infestations. Connecting downpipes to the stormwater system or ensuring proper drainage away from the building can help mitigate this a licensed plumber is the most qualified professional to handle plumbing-related tasks, including connecting downpipes to the stormwater system. They have the necessary expertise and tools to ensure proper installation.

Please remember that proper installation is essential to ensure effective drainage and prevent future issues, so it's often best to hire a qualified professional, especially for complex or extensive downpipe installations.

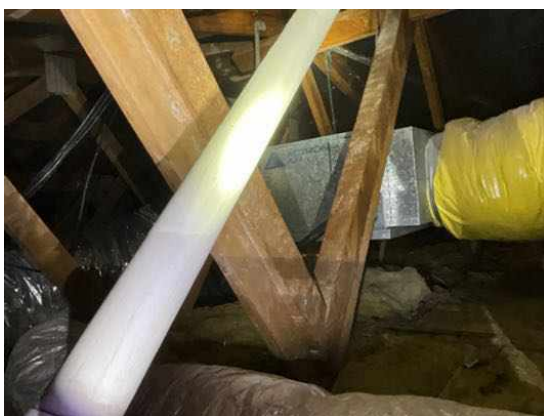


Finding 6.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Roof void exhibits conspicuous signs of excessive moisture
Information:	The roof void exhibits conspicuous signs of excessive moisture, evident through water staining within the sarking material.

Risk in Terms of Timber Pest: The excessive moisture within the roof void poses a significant risk for timber pests such as termites, as it creates an ideal environment for infestation and proliferation. The damp conditions promote wood decay, making the structure susceptible to damage by these pests.

A qualified roofing contractor and a professional pest control service specialized in timber pest management should be engaged to rectify the issue. They can assess the extent of moisture damage, address any underlying structural issues, and implement effective solutions to mitigate the risk of timber pest infestation.





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
- Licensed Plumber
- Registered/Licensed Builder
- Registered Roofing Contractor
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

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

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- Building Inspection Conclusion

A Building and Timber pest inspection was carried out on this property. At the time of inspection, a durable notice and evidence of pest treatment were not found.

Conducive conditions were observed which are noted in the body of the report.

The following recommendations are always strongly advised to minimise creating an environment which is conducive to timber pest infestation:

1. Maintain visual pest inspections every six to twelve months
2. Ensure that AC and HWS overflows are connected to a nearby down pipes and drain points if applicable
3. Ensure that if there any tree stumps in the immediate area that they are treated with an approved termicide and certified by a licensed pest technician
4. Ensure that any loose timbers, timbers or stored items in ground contact in the subfloor applicable) and around the dwelling perimeter are removed to prevent potential timber pest infestation
5. Ensure that areas of ground damp are further investigated and treated by a licensed plumber or damp proof specialist as well as addressing areas of subfloor ventilation inadequacy.

The application of a post construction chemical or physical termite barrier is highly recommended for all

properties and is always good building practice. Where a slab on ground type construction is evident a 75mm perimeter visual barrier is required to be maintained to ensure effective prevention of termite infestation and concealed entry points. If this visual barrier is not obtainable we strongly recommend a more invasive follow up termite inspection to completely rule out termite or timber pest presence in the dwelling.

Termite barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property. A durable notice should always be placed in the meter box to clearly show the treatment method used and on what date and maintained there with.

It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every six to twelve months. Regular inspections DO NOT stop timber pest attack but are designed to limit the amount of damage that may occur by detecting problems early.

Compared to other buildings of a similar age, brick veneer dwelling at the time of inspection was found to be in a fair condition with some Major and minor defects as highlighted in the report.

Significant items have been identified. These have been noted in the body of the report and will require relevant professional services to be engaged immediately to clarify further works.

Additionally, while some maintenance items may currently appear minor, they have the potential to escalate into major issues if left unaddressed.

Several limitations and obstructions impeded the inspection and, if at all feasible, should be removed, and a further inspection should be performed. Indicative images below depict some of the obstructions encountered.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Adam Ahmed on: 0450 250 739

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

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



















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.





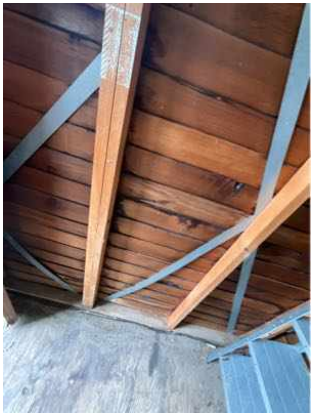














Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Conditions Conducive to Termite Activity	Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Termites.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Instrument Testing	Where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments: (a) electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements (b) stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements (c) probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g. bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees and (d) sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object. (e) T3I - an instrument used to detect movement, moisture and changes in temperature within timber
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried

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

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

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

Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOISTURE

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

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

MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

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

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

NO CERTIFICATION

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

RECTIFICATION COSTS

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