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Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Mon, 16 Mar 2026

Property Address: 17 Bandicoot Dr, Woodcroft NSW 2767, Australia

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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
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 safety and minor defects as highlighted in the report.

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	Semi-Detached, Duplex
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Pergola
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Window Frames
Roof	Tiled, Timber Framed, Pitched
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer
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.

- 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:

- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.

- Roof Exterior.

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.

- Ceiling linings

- Evidence of remedial cleaning may result in lower levels of contaminant being detected.

- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Fixed ceilings

- Floor coverings

- Lack of natural or acceptable lighting

- Lack of suitable access or entry point

- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 75% of every room.

- Vegetation covered approximately 25% 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:	All Areas
Finding:	Window child lock missing
Information:	The window in question lacks a child lock mechanism, which poses a potential safety risk to young occupants in the premises. As per Australian Standards windows accessible to children should be equipped with appropriate child safety locks to prevent accidental opening, reducing the risk of falls and ensuring compliance with safety regulations.

Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Poor workmen ship
Information:	The structure exhibits signs of poor workmanship, evident in various aspects of construction and finishing.

Risk: Poor workmanship poses a range of risks, including compromised structural integrity, potential safety hazards, and a decreased lifespan of the structure. It may also lead to aesthetic and functional issues.

Resolution: A qualified contractor or construction professional should be consulted to assess and address the poor workmanship. They can implement corrective measures to ensure structural soundness, safety, and overall quality of the construction.

Finding 1.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Door - Hitting toilet seat
Information:	A safety hazard was identified in the bathroom of the property. The issue pertains to the door, which, when fully opened, makes contact with the adjacent toilet. This situation poses an immediate risk to the safety and well-being of occupants due to the potential for accidents and injuries.

Collision between the door and the toilet can cause injury to individuals using the bathroom.

The repeated contact between the door and the toilet can also result in damage to both fixtures, leading to costly repairs or replacements.

Finding 1.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	shower screen door hitting fixed towel rail/bar
Information:	The shower screen door was found to make contact with the fixed towel rail/bar upon opening. This indicates poor placement or alignment of fittings.

Risk:

This condition is considered a potential safety hazard. Ongoing impact may lead to loosening of fittings or damage to the shower glass, which carries a risk of glass breakage and injury to occupants.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a licensed glazier or bathroom renovator further evaluate and rectify this issue. Adjustment of the shower screen door alignment or relocation of the towel rail is required to prevent contact and ensure safe operation.

Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Cracking [Fine]
Information:	Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the

cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between brickwork and mortar throughout the structure, but single bricks may also show cracks of this nature.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor filling and should be conducted by a qualified bricklayer.

Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen lengthen or become more numerous.

Finding 3.02

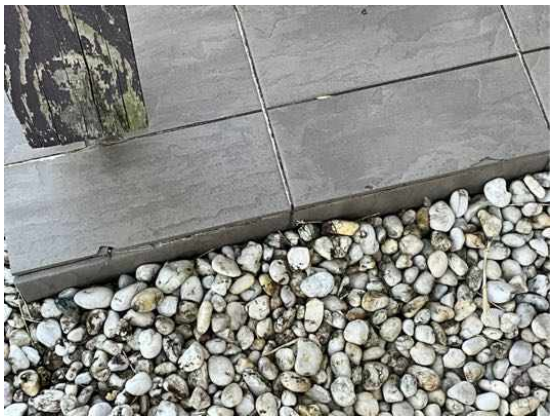
Building: Main Building
Location: Front porch
Finding: Tile - Floor Tile Damaged
Information: A floor tile is visibly damaged, showing a chipped/broken section on the surface.

Risk / Implication:

The damaged tile presents a trip hazard, may lead to cuts if stepped on barefoot, and can allow moisture ingress into the substrate, which may cause further deterioration or loosening of adjacent tiles. It also affects the overall appearance of the floor.

Recommended Action / Who Can Fix It:

A licensed tiler should be engaged to remove the damaged tile and install a matching replacement. If spare tiles are unavailable, additional remedial work may be required to blend the repair with surrounding finishes.

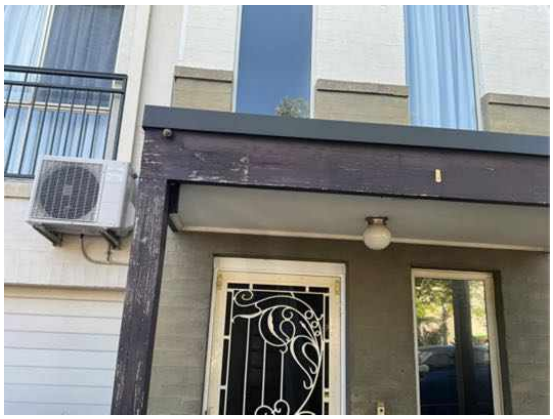
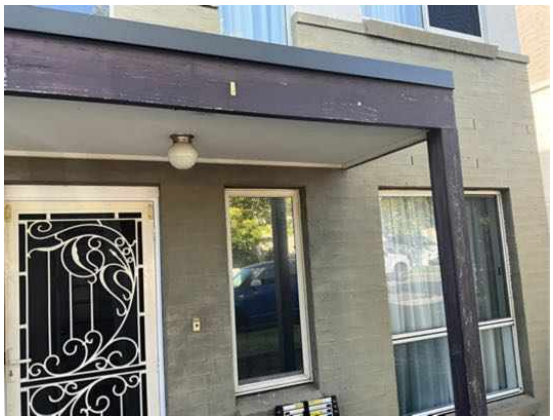


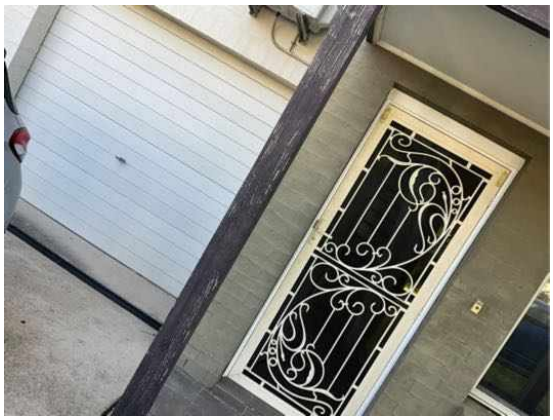
Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building
Location: Front porch
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 3.04

Building: Main Building

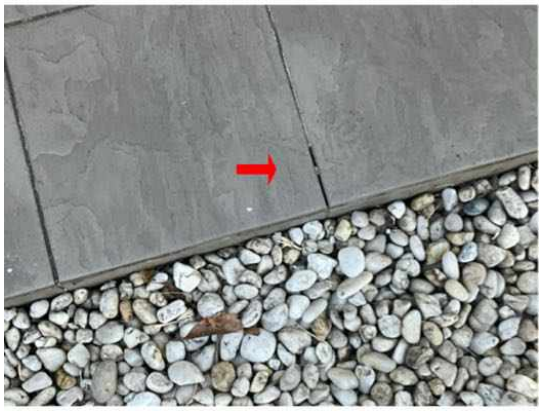
Location: Front porch

Finding: Grouting - Missing or damaged

Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is Missing or damaged. A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly recommended , as this is a regular wear and tear defect.

A sealant specialist or tiling contractor should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible






Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Expansion Joint – Sealant Deterioration
Information:	The vertical expansion joint between the cladding and brickwork is observed with an open gap and missing or deteriorated sealant. Expansion joints are designed to allow thermal and structural movement between materials; however, the current joint condition may compromise weatherproofing.

Risk:

Minor – If left unsealed, water penetration may occur behind the wall, causing dampness, efflorescence, or damage to internal materials over time.

Who Can Fix It:

A qualified tradesperson or sealant contractor should clean and re-seal the joint using a flexible, exterior-grade polyurethane or silicone sealant to maintain weather resistance and movement tolerance.

Reference:

AS 4349.1–2007 – Inspection of Buildings – Pre-purchase Inspections – Residential Buildings,

AS 3700 – Masonry Structures (Clause 4.7: Control Joints).

Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Air conditioner - Disconnected overflow
Information:	The Air Conditioner (A/C) overflow was found to be disconnected from storm water drainage and is creating excessive moisture in the surrounding area.

Such leaking creates an environment which is conducive to an array of defects, including water damage to associated building elements and the attraction of termite or timber pest infestation.

It is highly recommended that a licensed plumber be appointed to connect the A/C overflow in order to prevent such an environment from being created. These minor works should be carried out as soon as possible.

Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Building element - Rusted or corroded
Information:	This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

As surface rust provides no protection to the underlying iron, the deteriorating condition is likely to worsen if not addressed in the short-term future.

Where possible, the use of galvanized (treated) metals or aluminium coated metals aid in rust prevention, as does regular general maintenance. Rust formation can be controlled with coatings, such as paint, that isolate the iron from the environment.

Rusting and corrosion should be managed by ideally removing or limiting the affected surface from exposure to moisture. A registered builder may be appointed to replace any building elements that have been severely affected by rust or water damage.

Finding 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
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.

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 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Pergola
Finding:	Disconnected downpipe
Information:	A notable defect with a disconnected downpipe, compromising the efficient drainage of rainwater from the roof. This disconnectivity poses an increased risk of water accumulation, potentially leading to foundation erosion, water damage to the property, and a conducive environment for mold growth."

The primary risks associated with the not connected downpipe include:

1. Foundation Erosion: Accumulated water around the foundation due to the disconnected downpipe can lead to soil erosion, jeopardizing the stability of the property's foundation.

2. Water Damage: Uncontrolled water runoff can result in water penetrating the building envelope, causing interior water damage to walls, ceilings, and other structural components.

3. Mold Growth: The presence of excess moisture provides an ideal environment for mold growth, posing health risks and necessitating costly remediation.

Resolution:

Engage a qualified and licensed roofing or gutter specialist to address the disconnected downpipe. This professional will reconnect the downpipe to ensure proper water drainage, mitigating the associated risks and preserving the integrity of the property.

Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
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 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Driveway
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 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Gyprock - Fine Cracking
Information:	Fine cracks were observed in the plasterboard wall. These cracks are likely due to minor building movement or settlement and are generally considered cosmetic in nature.

Risk:

• Primarily aesthetic, but may worsen over time with further movement.

• No immediate structural concerns.

Who Can Fix It:

• A licensed plasterer or painter can fill the cracks with a flexible compound and repaint the affected area.

Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Tiles - Chipped
Information:	A bathroom tile is chipped, creating a sharp edge and an uneven surface.

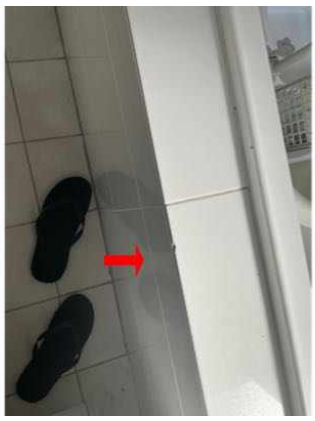
Risk:

• Injury Risk: The sharp edge of the chipped tile can cause cuts if someone accidentally steps on or touches it.

• Water Damage Risk: If the chipped area becomes larger, water may seep through, potentially damaging the subfloor or causing mold growth.

Who Can Fix It:

• Tiler or Handyman: A professional tiler or a handyman should be contacted to replace the chipped tile or, if feasible, repair it to prevent further damage or injury.



Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Shower - Damp
Information:	Damp is evident to the lower 300mm of wall to the shower alcove. This defect is quite common, and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating through the grouting in this area, which shows evidence of deterioration. Leaking pipes within the adjoining wall is also a possible cause.

Damp (or structural damp) refers to the presence of unwanted moisture in the structure of a building, either as the result of intrusion from outside, or condensation from within the structure. In the shower area, internal water leaks or other sources of excessive moisture are generally the cause of damp.

Unmanaged damp in the shower recess is likely to facilitate the formation and development of mould and fungi growth, decaying associated building materials and compromising their structural integrity. It is important to address damp conditions, as the World Health Organisation notes that excess moisture leads - on almost all indoor materials - to growth of microbes such as moulds, fungi and bacteria, which subsequently emit spores and other matter into the indoor air. Exposure to these contaminants is associated with a wide range of respiratory and other health-related problems.

Consultation with a qualified plumber or bathroom specialist is advised immediately to identify the cause of damp and to perform remedial works as required. Where excessive mould growth is present, further inspection by a specialist environmental health inspector should also be considered.

Always ensure that sealant and grout is in good condition to prevent any moisture issues occurring in the future.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Finding 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Leaking plumbing fitting
Information:	Leaking plumbing fitting identified, posing the risk of water damage and increased water bills. Potential structural damage, mold growth, and wastage of water resources. Engage a licensed plumber to inspect and repair the leaking plumbing fitting, ensuring a proper seal and preventing any further water-related issues.

Finding 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Exhaust fan - Not operating
Information:	The exhaust fan in this area appears to be damaged or blocked and is not operating as intended. If left unmanaged, a lack of general maintenance is likely to lead to the development of more significant defects, such as water damage to surrounding building materials from inadequate ventilation. If left unattended for a prolonged period of time, poor ventilation in this area may also be conducive to the development of

mould.

Where no secondary damage has developed, the Homeowner may undertake minor cleaning of the area and consider replacement of the exhaust fan. Alternatively, consultation with a Licensed Electrician is required to check for any secondary or concealed damage and consider repair or replacement.

Please be advised that a cabinet maker or qualified carpenter may also be required if water damage has occurred and that an additional specialist mould inspection may be required if severe mould has resulted.

Finding 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
Information:	Excessive moisture is present behind the bathroom tiles, indicating a potential water leakage issue within the wall.

The prolonged presence of moisture can lead to mold growth, deteriorate the structure, and create an environment conducive to health hazards. Additionally, it may compromise the adhesive holding the tiles, leading to their detachment.

A licensed plumber or a qualified contractor specializing in water damage remediation should investigate the source of the moisture, fix any leaks, and address the damage. Additionally, replacing affected tiles and ensuring proper waterproofing are crucial to preventing future issues.

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:	Sarking - Missing
Information:	Sarking is missing under the roof sheeting. Sarking acts as an insulator that helps with noise reduction and protects against water penetration. Sarking plays a key role in the operation and function of the overall roofing structure and its performance.

Although not a requirement at the time of construction, replacement of any missing building element is advisable (although this can be quite expensive to do after the time of construction). Where sarking is missing, regular inspections of the roof tiles for cracking and potential moisture penetration is required.

Sarking may be retrospectively fitted by a registered builder at the discretion of the client.






Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

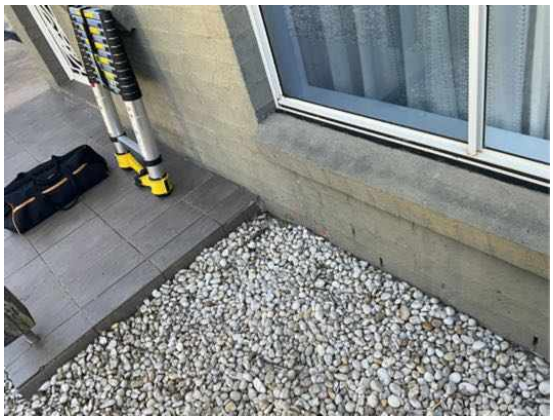
Timber Pest Damage

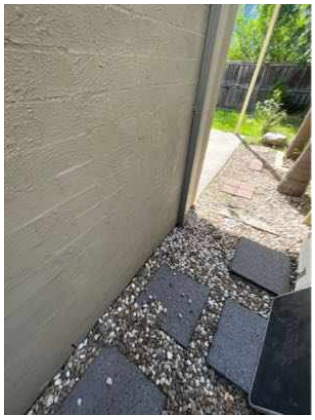
No evidence was found

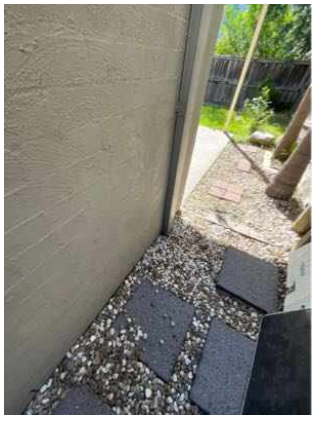
Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

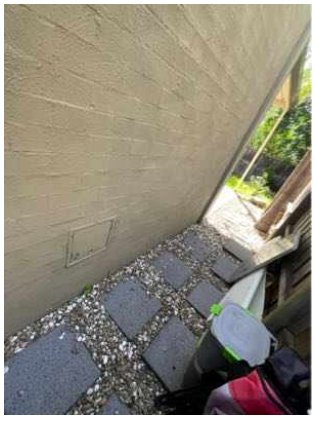
Finding 6.01

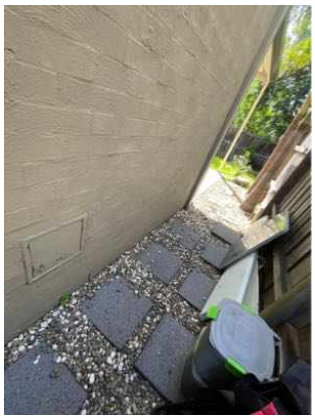
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Slab Edge - Exposure
Information:	An inspection zone of at least 75mm in relation to the exposed slab edge, between the bottom brick and the perimeter pavement, is required. This inspection zone should be maintained in order to force termites into 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.

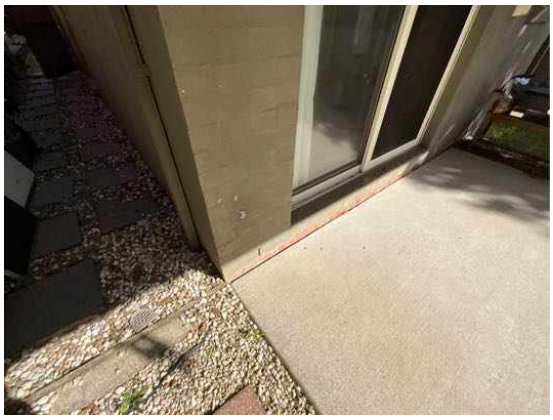


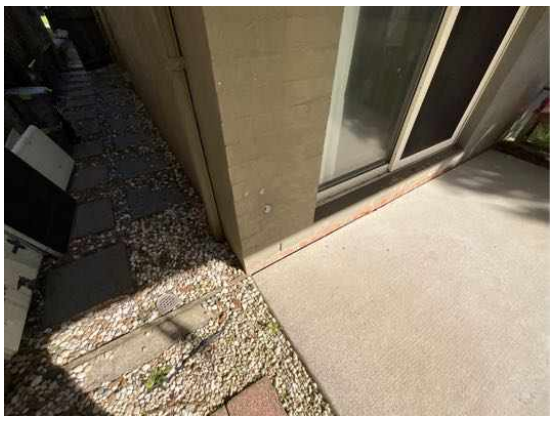






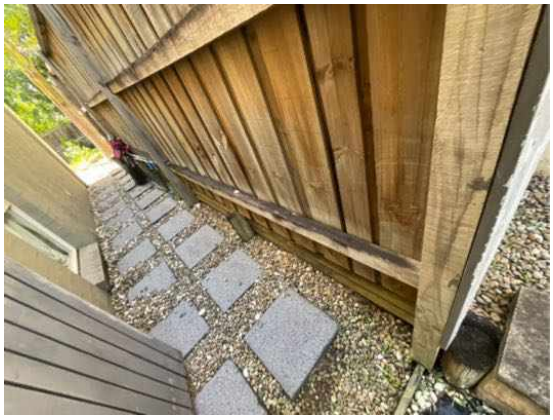


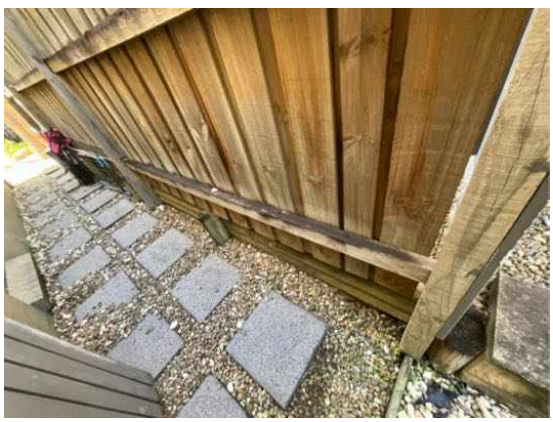




Finding 6.02

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 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation
Information:	The presence of 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:	No Drain under tap
Information:	There is no drain installed under the tap, leading to water accumulation and creating conducive conditions for timber pests. This defect needs immediate attention to prevent potential damage and pest infestation.

Risk:

1. Water Accumulation: Without proper drainage, water can accumulate around the base of the tap, leading to persistent dampness in the surrounding area.

2. Timber Pest Infestation: The damp environment created by standing water is highly conducive to timber pests, such as termites and wood borers, which thrive in moist conditions and can cause significant damage to wooden structures.

3. Structural Damage: Prolonged exposure to moisture can lead to wood rot and deterioration of structural timber, compromising the integrity of the building.

4. Health Hazards: Persistent dampness can also promote mold and mildew growth, posing health risks to occupants.

5. Aesthetic Damage: Water stains and damage to finishes and materials around the tap area can detract from the appearance of the building and lead to costly repairs.

Who Can Fix It:

A licensed plumber or a qualified building contractor can address this defect by:

1. Assessment: Evaluating the area to determine the best approach for installing a proper drainage system under the tap.

2. Installation: Installing a drain that effectively channels water away from the base of the tap, preventing water accumulation and dampness.

3. Repair and Prevention: Inspecting and repairing any existing water damage and implementing measures to prevent future water accumulation and pest infestations.

By addressing this issue promptly, you can mitigate the risks associated with water accumulation and timber pest infestation, ensuring the longevity and safety of the building.

Finding 6.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Aircon - Excessive moisture conducive condition near Air-conditioner
Information:	Excessive moisture near an air conditioner can indeed create conducive conditions for termites. Termites are attracted to damp and decaying wood, which can be found in areas with high moisture levels. To fix this issue:

1. Fix Leaks: Check for any leaks or condensation around your air conditioning unit. Repair any damaged pipes, drains, or insulation

that may be causing moisture buildup.

2. Proper Drainage: Ensure that your air conditioner has proper drainage. Make sure the condensate drain line is clear and directed

away from your home's foundation.

3. Ventilation: Improve ventilation around the unit. Ensure that the area is well-ventilated to reduce humidity levels.

4. Regular Maintenance: Schedule regular maintenance for your air conditioning system. This can help prevent leaks and ensure

it's working efficiently, reducing the chance of moisture.

5. Please consult a HVAC Technician: HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) technicians are trained to diagnose and

repair a wide range of air conditioning problems. They can handle issues with the cooling system, refrigerant, electrical components, and more.

6. Consult an appropriate and Qualified Professional: For severe moisture issues or persistent termite problems, consult with a

pest control professional who can provide targeted solutions.

By addressing these issues, you can reduce the moisture levels around your air conditioner and minimize the attractiveness of the area to termites.

Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Pergola
Finding:	Downpipes not connected- Conducive conditions for timber pest
Information:	Unconnected 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 6.07

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 6.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
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 6.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
Information:	Excessive moisture is present behind the bathroom tiles, indicating a potential water leakage issue within the wall.

The prolonged presence of moisture can lead to mold growth, deteriorate the structure, and create an environment conducive to health hazards. Additionally, it may compromise the adhesive holding the tiles, leading to their detachment.

A licensed plumber or a qualified contractor specializing in water damage remediation should investigate the source of the moisture, fix any leaks, and address the damage. Additionally, replacing affected tiles and ensuring proper waterproofing are crucial to preventing future issues.

Finding 6.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite
Finding:	Excessive moisture - Conducive to Timber pest
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote fungal growth and wood decay.

Excessive moisture is generally caused by deteriorated inadequate or missing roof drainage leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage.

If mould growth has been found there may be environmental biological or health issues involved. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector should also be contacted.

Prior to any remedial works being performed a qualified plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and to identify the cause of the excessive moisture. Works to remove affected building elements may then be necessary and should be performed by an appropriate tradesperson.

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

- 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. A durable notice placed in the switchboard unit to indicate termite barriers 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 as per the label or seek advise from licensed pest controller.

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 safety 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.

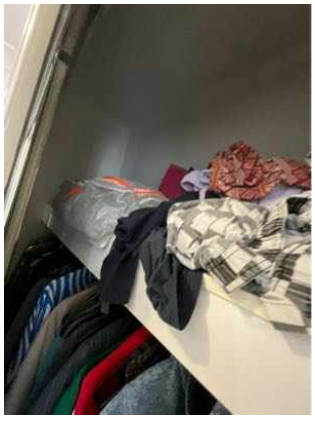
For further information, advice and clarification please contact Adam Ahmed on: 0450 250 739

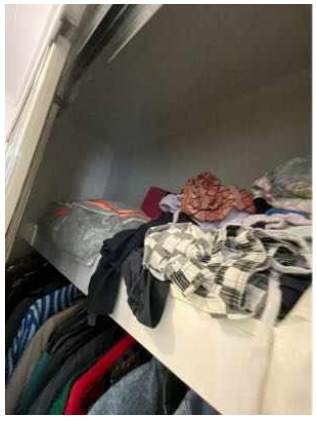
Section D Significant Items

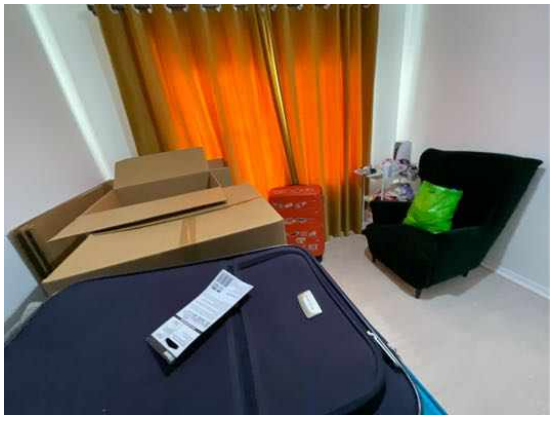
The following items were noted as - For your information

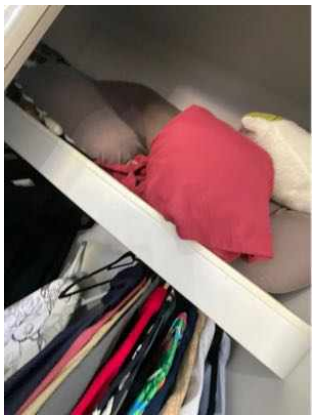
Noted Item

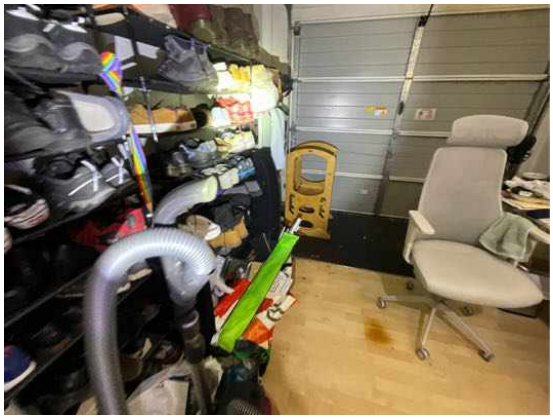
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects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

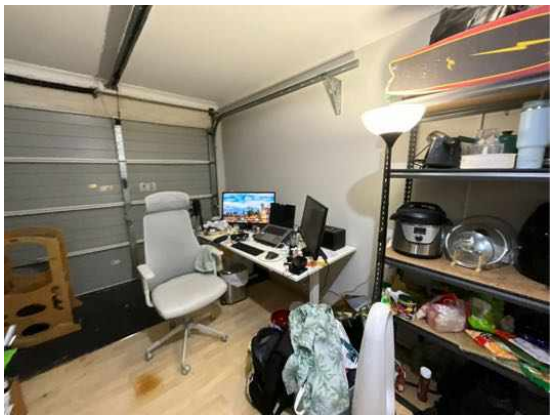












Noted Item

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


TRAMEX
WOOD - TIMBER
SHALLOW DEPTH
DRYWALL - ROOFING
PLASTER - TILE
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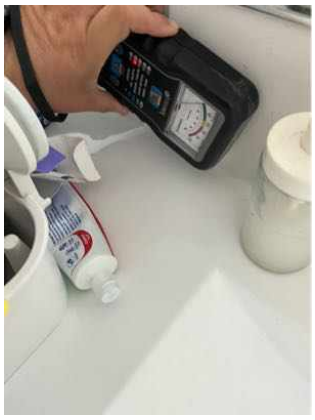
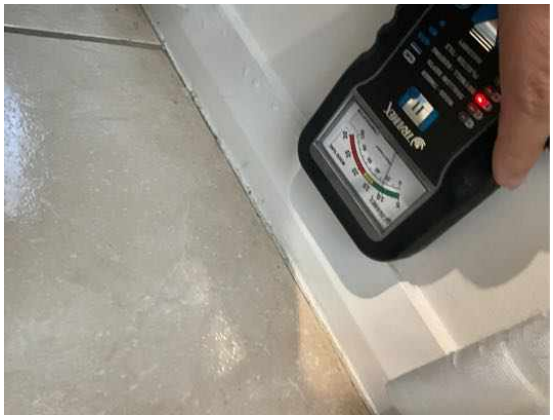
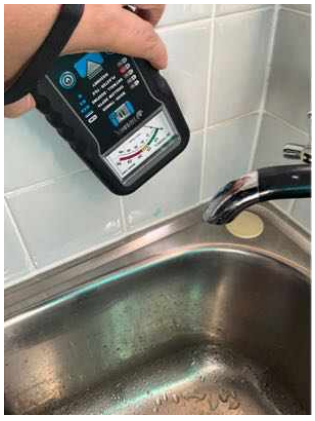


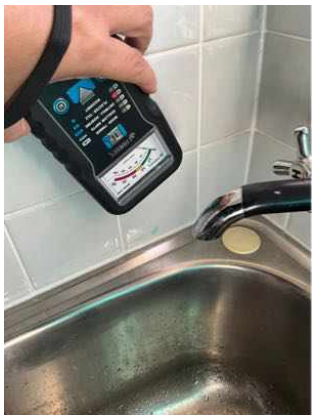


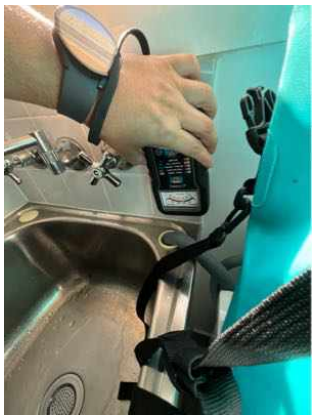






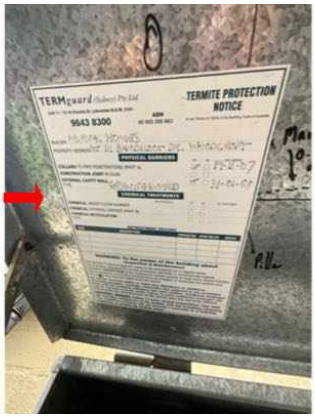




The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program

Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - right side
Finding:	Evidence of Termite Management System - Durable notice / Legible Sticker - seek further information
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 placed in the switchboard unit to indicate termite barriers 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 as per the label or seek advise from licensed pest controller.



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 cm2 (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm2 (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.