



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Sat, 28 Mar 2026

Property Address: 23 Matson Cres, Miranda NSW 2228,  
Australia



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## The Parties

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New South Wales experiences major weather events annually. These periods of storms and torrential & driving rains from certain angles can overwhelm residential roofs, waterproofed areas, skylights, flashings & guttering causing water ingress into properties that otherwise would not happen in normal rain conditions. Therefore no guarantee can be given against any future roof leaks.

All roof coverings & plumbing, flashings, exterior guttering, box gutters and downpipes, even with gutter guard products installed, should remain free of all debris and possible blockages. Blockages may lead to pooling, accumulated water overflows, possible water ingress and the associated damage to adjoining building elements. Any areas of missing or aged/corroded guttering should be replaced. All flat roofs and waterproofed areas should be monitored regularly.

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

### Overall Condition (Building)

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

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is highly conducive due timber pests due to numerous conducive conditions and old activity found. A termite treatment is required.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Detached
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Brick Stumps or Piers, Slab - Monolithic or Slab on Ground, Steel Frame, Suspended Timber Frame, Slab - Suspended Slab
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Brick, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence, Footpath, Garage, Retaining Walls, Fence - Perforated Materials / Wire Mesh
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Veranda Posts, Window Frames
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed, Flat
Storeys	Single
Walls	Light Weight Wall Clad, Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
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.

- Exterior
- Fencing
- Gardens
- Interior
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Void - Part
- Subfloor - Part
- Trees
- Wall Exterior

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions, where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and defects, timber pest activity or conditions conducive to these may not be obvious unless they are removed.

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Inside of the fencing.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Subfloor - Part.
- Wall exterior due to obstructions.

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

areas accessible wherever possible for re-inspection.

## Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Appliances and equipment
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling linings
- Debris in gutters
- Evidence of recent renovation may obscure, temporarily lower or reduce the overall levels of contaminant detected.
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- External concrete or paving
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Stored items
- Vegetation
- Wall linings

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

## Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

The risk of undetected defects is: **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:	Building 1
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Window opening restrictors missing.
Information:	The Building Code of Australia rules require all openable windows (where the internal floor is more than 2m above the ground outside) in residential rooms to be fitted with a suitable screen or restrictor. Windows located 1.7m above the floor level do not require protection.

Window restrictors are required where people who are vulnerable to the risk of falling have access to windows. This means all windows above ground level which do not have another fall prevention safety measure in place, such as a balcony or balustrade should have a restrictor.

These need to be added urgently for the safety of all persons.



#### Finding 1.02

Building: Building 1  
Location: Sunroom  
Finding: Windows - Cracked  
Information:

Cracks were identified in the windows in this sunroom and lounge areas. Cracking in windows is generally the result of impact damage, and is likely to develop further when left unmanaged. The likelihood of this windowpanes further cracking and shattering is increased exponentially, providing a safety hazard in the area. The cracked windows also impairs the weather tightness of the building, creating potential for minor water leaks.

A qualified glazier is required to repair the window as soon as possible. Depending on the extent of the cracking, replacement of the window may be required.

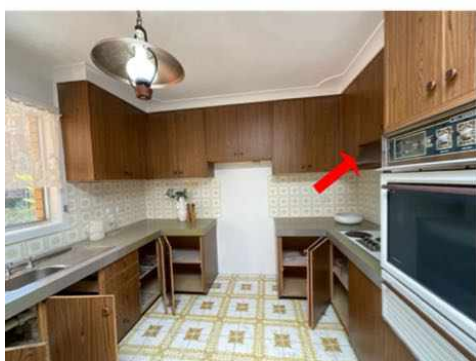
Due to the unusual angles in the front sunroom windows - leaning outward, the glass, trim and putty holding these windows into their frames should be closely checked every year. Any area of even very minor wood rot need to be repaired immediately.





### Finding 1.03

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Kitchen wall power point
Finding:	Rangehood switch damaged
Information:	The rangehood light switch has cracked requiring immediate replacement for the safety of all users.



## Major Defect

### Finding 2.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Walls and front roof.
Finding:	Site drainage - Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage to the property was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating subsequent water damage to subfloor and garage areas.

It appears in high rain events, water enters the rear subfloor and some moisture is coming up through the garage slab, evidenced by the water staining and rising damp found.

This moisture is suspected to be the cause of movement in the house walls and some subfloor walls leading to very uneven floors. This is also thought to be the cause of the garage slab concrete cracking however a structure engineer is required to assess these areas to determine what is causing the uneven floors and cracking.

Other minor drainage defects include the following -

Some gutters and downpipes have rusted. Some water pools on the front flat roof. The air conditioner, some floor wastes and hot water system overflows all run against the left house walls. Many rainwater drains and gutters are blocked from a lack of maintenance.

It is important that water does not lie against the base of walls; surrounding paths and ground levels should be sloped to drain water away from walls. Downpipes should not discharge stormwater onto lower walls or plinths. Stormwater should be carried away by large, regularly cleaned drains. Ground levels may need to be lowered to expose a buried DPC.

Where site drainage is inadequate, installation of an Agricultural (Aggie) Drain may be required. A qualified plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and perform any remedial works as necessary. Secondary defects are likely to occur if left unmanaged.





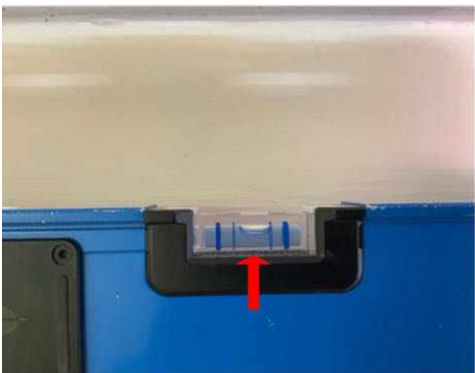
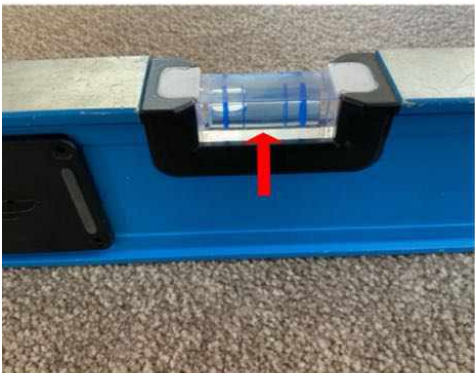
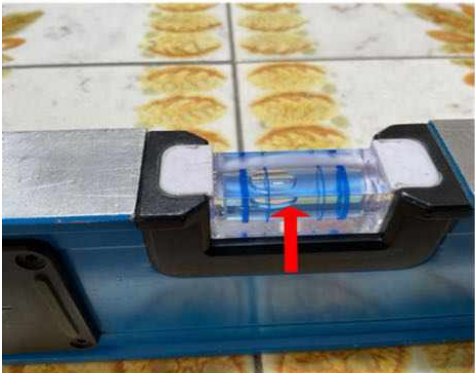
## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Most areas
Finding:	Flooring - Uneven
Information:	The internal flooring in many areas is out of level and uneven. Uneven flooring is likely to indicate minor defects such as expected movement of the foundations of the property, but may also indicate subsidence of the associated subfloor stumps.

It is advised that the flooring be closely monitored to identify any further movement. Where flooring remains relatively unchanged for an extended period of time (i.e. several months), it is likely that this defect has been caused by expected movement of the foundations of the property.

However, where flooring is uneven further, potentially invasive inspection of the subfloor structures and stumps in this area is required. In this case, works to repair are likely to be required, and would be carried out by a registered builder specialising in re-stumping.





### Finding 3.02

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Bedroom - Master
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection
Information:	Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack, fungal growth and wood decay.

High readings in the master bedroom window frame of 61 (top of window) and 84.7(bottom of window) and 31.8 (behind shower rear wall) were found.

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. It is highly recommended that all plumbing and drainage fixtures and fittings be maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the internal property.





### Finding 3.03

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Pictured areas  
 Finding: Wood rot  
 Information:

The building shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis. This could be the result of exposure to weathering over a prolonged period of time, or the attraction of excessive moisture from other abutting building materials.

Early intervention and regular maintenance, particularly of exterior timbers, will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the

cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner. Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

A qualified carpenter or registered builder may also be required to replace affected building materials.



### Finding 3.04

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Damp - Rising
Information:	Rising damp was found in many subfloor and garage area. This describes the upward movement of water in low sections of building elements (e.g. walls) by capillary action - the movement of water through porous materials such as bricks, sandstone or mortar.

Rising damp is generally managed by the installation of a damp proof course during construction. A Damp Proof Course (DPC) is an impermeable barrier at the base of the wall above ground level. However, many 19th Century buildings have no damp course installed, or the materials have failed. The DPC may have been omitted as a consequence of poor workmanship, or it may have been bridged where materials built up against the side of the house allow moisture ingress above the DPC level.

Left unmanaged, rising damp can lead to health problems resulting from mould growth and can have major implications on affected building elements, including wall finishes like paint and plasterwork.

The first step in addressing rising damp is to diagnose the cause. The identified cause should be addressed first before addressing the appearance and other defects which have resulted from the rising damp. If the original cause is not resolved, further cases of damp are likely to ensue, resulting in secondary defects.

Consultation with a qualified plumber is advised immediately to identify the cause of the damp and perform remedial works as required.



### Finding 3.05

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Tap - Leaking and no pressure in the vanity
Information:	The tap in this vanity area was found to be leaking with poor flow at the time of inspection. This is a common defect that is consistent with general ageing of the building element. However, it may be indicative of substandard plumbing workmanship if the tap is relatively new.

While this defect only seems minor, if left unmanaged, it is likely to result in the

development of rust, water damage and/or extensive water usage.

It is advised that a licensed plumber be appointed to perform remedial works on the affected tap. Such works should be performed prior to the development of secondary defects to ensure adequate functionality of all associated building elements.



### Finding 3.06

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Shower screen - Leaking
Information:	Leaking was evident to the shower screening at the time of inspection. It is suspected that the leaking has occurred as a result missing sealant. Leaking from the shower , where left unattended, is likely to lead to water damage to adjoining flooring and walls. Such damage can lead to water damage and necessitate extensive remedial works being required. Active water leaks may also create an environment that is susceptible to the formation and development of mould.

Appointment of a sealant expert is required to repair or replace this missing sealant. Such works should be performed as soon as possible to ensure that no further damage occurs.



### Finding 3.07

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Master bedroom
Finding:	Building elements - Missing
Information:	The master bedroom door is missing and the light and fan does not work. A carpenter and electrician would be the trade responsible for rectification of these areas when convenient.



### Finding 3.08

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard and garage
Finding:	Crack in concrete slabs - Category 1
Information:	Cracks coded as Category 1 was identified in these pictured slabs. A Category 1 crack is described as a fine but noticeable crack, with the slab at an otherwise reasonable level. To be considered Category 1, the approximate width of the crack is less than 1.0mm, or a less than 10mm change in offset when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

Category 1 cracks should be monitored for a period of 12 months. At the end of the monitoring period, identified cracks that are rated greater than Category 2 are considered defects, and require rectification.





### Finding 3.09

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Ceiling - Water stained
Information:	Water staining to ceiling linings in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

While mostly an appearance defect, water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, which may be currently concealed by interior ceilings.

Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber must be consulted to identify the cause of the staining and to provide advice on any reparation works that may be required. Replacement of any damaged structures is advised.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive (no moisture was found here) the affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.





**Finding 3.10**

Building: Building 1  
Location: Kitchen  
Finding: Swollen skylight cladding  
Information: Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The structural integrity of swollen building elements cannot be guaranteed, and further damage is possible if these areas are left unmanaged.

No moisture was found here after 6 tests of this skylight area.

Repair or replacement of swollen building elements should be conducted by a qualified carpenter or cabinet maker.





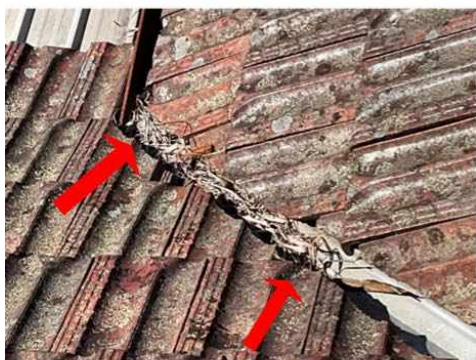
### Finding 3.11

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Roof exterior
Finding:	Gutters - Full and blocked
Information:	The guttering on around the roof was found to be blocked at the time of the inspection. Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas which can cause rust and decay of the gutters and downpipes and wood rot to adjoining timber areas. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry conditions are maintained.

It is highly advised that gutters be cleaned by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.





### Finding 3.12

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured fences
Finding:	Fences damaged - leaning
Information:	Evidence of damage to the pictured fences was identified at the time of the inspection. The likely cause of this fence leaning is not enough concrete used in the post footings.

If left unmanaged this fence may deteriorate further. It is suggest a fencing contractor be engaged for rectification when convenient.

The cost of repairing fences is often shared between neighbours.



### Finding 3.13

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roofing areas - Weathered
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of the roof areas were considered to be in fair condition. All fungi and leaf debris need to be removed for an accurate assessment. While weathering of these pictured areas is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

Re-sealing and replacing small areas of gaps, damage or rust the may be considered

as an interim solution by the client to help preserve and extend the life span of these roofing areas. Where left unmanaged, deteriorating roofing materials are likely to lead to a number of secondary defects, including minor water leaks and weather exposure to internal roofing structures.

Consultation with a roofing contractor is highly advised to gain advice on cost of remedial works that may be required in the short to medium term.

Remedial works are likely to increase the longevity of the exterior roofing structure.



### Finding 3.14

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured Areas
Finding:	Sealant (external) - Missing.
Information:	It was noted on inspection that areas of external sealant was missing to small areas of the external walls.

A flexible sealant or flashing is required to protect the associated building materials from rainwater ingress.

Flexible sealants should be applied to these affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur.

A sealant specialist or skilled handy person should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible



### Finding 3.15

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Kitchen and bathroom
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to these pictured wet areas.

Different materials and floor areas move at different rates, generally causing cracking to grout or sealant at this point. 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 to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of your property.

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

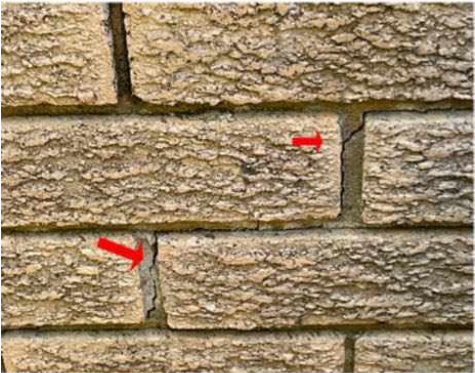


### Finding 3.16

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Exterior wall
Finding:	Step cracking to brickwork (very minor)
Information:	Step cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area at the time of inspection. Step cracking, which is similar to other forms of cracking, has a variety of possible causes. However, the most common is the subsidence of adjacent footings.

Step cracking is a relatively common defect, and is most likely to occur adjacent to windows, doors and other openings. Mortar failure in the gaps between affected bricks indicates the stresses and tensions affecting the wall.

Where step cracking is extensive or severe, the client is advised to consult a structural engineer. Minor step cracking can be used as a warning sign to address factors causing stress to the wall, which can include the effect of surrounding trees, water leaks, soil erosion, or even the presence of reactive soils in the surrounding area.



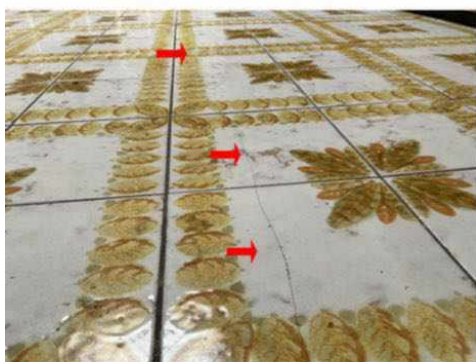
**Finding 3.17**

Building: Building 1  
Location: Stairs, Kitchen, Bathroom  
Finding: Tiles cracked, loose, missing  
Information: Damaged tiles were evident in these pictured areas at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of minor settlement or impact damage.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas. In wet areas of kitchens and bathrooms, it can lead to water damage of adjoining walls and floors.

Replacement of cracked tiles is recommended as soon as possible. A tiling contractor may be appointed to perform these works. Where cracks become more numerous, contact a licensed building inspector for further investigation.





### Finding 3.18

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Kitchen, Bathroom, Laundry
Finding:	Tiles - Drummy
Information:	Drummy tiled areas were identified at the time of inspection. The term 'drummy' refers to tiles that have become detached from their fixing, despite otherwise being in relatively good condition. Such defects are generally caused by physical or moisture damage to the area. Drummy tiled areas may also be a direct result of poor workmanship during the construction process.

Tiled areas may swell and shrink with changes in air humidity if the area has sustained moisture damage. Any exposure to moisture is capable of causing tiled areas to become drummy and/or cracked over a prolonged period of time. Drummy tiled areas generally require removal and replacement of affected tiles, with adequate sealant and grouting.

Specialist trades are available for these types of services. A registered builder may be required to undertake works if damage is extensive or if secondary building defects have resulted. Otherwise, it is advised that a tiling contractor be appointed to perform works as necessary. Immediate action is recommended to ensure that no further damage is sustained in the affected area.



### Finding 3.19

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Lounge Room
Finding:	Air conditioner ducting - Damaged
Information:	The Air Conditioner ducting was found to be disconnected in this cupboard.. This will mean the A/C is not functioning effectively.

It is highly recommended that a handy person or A/c installer be appointed to reconnect the A/C ducting in order to prevent a loss of air into the house.



### Finding 3.20

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured areas
Finding:	Painting deteriorated
Information:	Much of the external paintwork has been neglected and require attention to prepare and re-paint.

Whilst incomplete or missing paint finish is generally an appearance defect, it can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time. Incomplete areas of paint finish expose the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of underlying building materials.

Degraded paint finishes should be sanded back, filled, leveled and painted, as applicable. Where inadequate or missing paint protection has led to the deterioration of the associated building element, repair and/or replacement of this building element may be required.

A painting contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform necessary works to aid the appearance of the affected area and to ensure the area is protected against further deterioration. Alternatively, the homeowner following manufacturer instructions may perform these works.



### Finding 3.21

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured areas
Finding:	Render (external) cracking.
Information:	It has been observed that cracking under 3mm to some rendered surfaces has occurred. The degree of damage is described as "slight" noticeable cracks which are easily filled. Cracking of this size are generally less than 5mm in width.

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



### Finding 3.22

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured areas
Finding:	Gutters - Rusted or corroded
Information:	These roof areas 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.



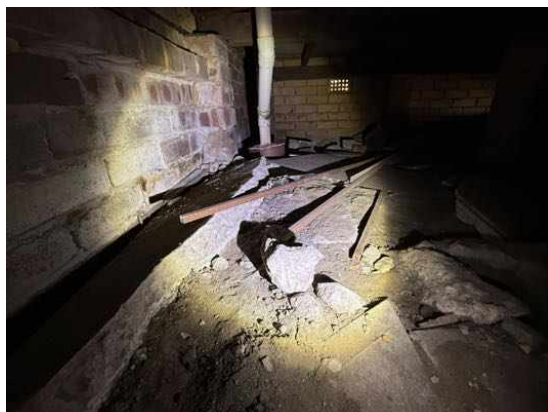
### Finding 3.23

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor ventilation - Inadequate
Information:	Adequate subfloor ventilation aids in preventing excessive moisture wood rot and termite activity by ensuring a dry subfloor environment.

Where ventilation is substandard or blocked, it is usually caused by factors such as failure to install adequate vents during construction or earth and vegetation covering vents. Low subfloor clearance and stored items or debris in the subfloor also restricting airflow.

Subfloor ventilation can be improved in most cases by addressing the causes such as exposing subfloor vents, installing additional vents, installing mechanical ventilation and removing debris from the subfloor.

A registered builder should be appointed as soon as possible to perform these works as necessary.



### Finding 3.24

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Rear right verandah corner and rear subfloor
Finding:	Concrete spalling
Information:	This verandah and rear subfloor has suffered minor Concrete Spalling. This is the breakdown of concrete via natural weathering and/or chemical reaction that results in sections of cement chipping off the main body – often resulting in fractured, compromised concrete. Spalling looks like pitted acne scarring and breaks off in flecks which can expose rebar.

A concreting contractor can provide advice on repairs of these damaged concrete areas when convenient.



### Finding 3.25

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Entry
Finding:	Doors - Binding and upper front door lock not working
Information:	Binding and/or jamming of these doors and a jammed lock was evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected doors as well as creating potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering.

A door that binds to flooring or to the associated door frame may have several causes, ranging from minor defects, such as poor installation of the door or deteriorated hinges, through to major structural issues, such as damage to subfloor structures.

Where door binding/jamming appears to indicate major structural issues, a registered builder specialising in re-stumping should be appointed to provide an estimate on the cost of rectification.

For minor causes, a qualified carpenter or general handyperson should be appointed to perform minor rectification works at client discretion.



### Finding 3.26

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor under area between kitchen and laundry
Finding:	Subsidence Monitor
Information:	It appears that the rear subfloor middle wall has been affected by movement of the foundations, often referred to as sinking or subsidence. A degree of movement is expected in subfloors over time, especially as environmental conditions change and buildings settle after construction.

The apparent subsidence is evidenced by this rear subfloor wall not level in the middle. As the bearers and surrounding piers supporting the floor do not appear to have been affected, this is listed here as a minor defect.

General subsidence is usually initiated by changes in soil moisture content. The most critical factor is identifying the specific causes, and identifying if this is a recurring or ongoing problem, or one that has been resolved by previous works in the past.

Subsidence can have complex and varying causes, which will influence the required remedial works. If movement continues it is advised to consult a structural engineer to determine if repair works are warranted. Works may include some form of underpinning, as well as addressing the underlying cause. Consultation with a geotechnical engineer may also be necessary where changes to soil moisture content is apparent.

A Registered Builder would then generally carry out works as advised by an Engineer.

At this point it is recommended to contain storm water flows, ensure pavements flow away from the building to lessen any excessive wetting and drying effects.



## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

### Finding 5.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor under laundry rear wall
Finding:	Evidence of rear minor termite damage & possible front termite activity
Information:	Despite no live termite or timber pest activity being found, previous termite damage was found to have affected this rear subfloor formwork. This rear damage is considered to be inactive and is minor in nature. Possible termite activity was found in the master bedroom wall where excessive moisture was found and an unknown substance on the window sill. Photos of this material was sent to a timber pest (termite) controller, however it still could not be identified.

Termites require moisture and will access walls where moisture is present which is the case here (see excessive moisture defect). Damage to this wall has been filled and painted over. This may be wood rot or termite activity or both and will only be determined by an invasive inspection by opening up this wall.

It is advised that a timber pest controller undertake an invasive inspection of this wall to rule out live termite and possible previous termite damage.



## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

### Finding 6.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Bridging of termite barrier
Information:	Bridging of termite barriers occurs when termites bridge (usually by building a mud tunnel) a termite barrier or inspection zone or where termites have a passage allowing them to bridge the barrier.

Generally this takes the form of finished ground levels external paving or concrete being retrospectively installed above the damp course level the adjacent internal floor level or weep and ventilation holes.

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



### Finding 6.02

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Exterior walls

Finding: Sealant (external) - missing and attractive to termites  
 Information: It was noted on inspection that areas of external sealant was missing to small areas of the external walls. A flexible sealant or flashing is required to protect the associated building materials from rainwater ingress. Any moisture ingress into the property is very attractive to termites. Flexible sealants or flashing should be applied to these affected areas to prevent termite activity.

A sealant specialist or skilled handy person should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible.

Note - see all photos in Sealant external (missing) in the above building report defects.



### Finding 6.03

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Yard - Back and subfloor  
 Finding: Timber in contact with the ground  
 Information: Any timbers in direct ground contact provide opportunity for concealed termite entry and are likely to be subject to premature rot and decay as the soil retains moisture or damp conditions against the timbers.

Removal of all waste timber that is in direct contact with ground is highly advised. This timber is promoting mould and wood rot and is very attractive to termites.

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



### Finding 6.04

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured yard area
Finding:	Tree stumps - left in ground
Information:	Tree stumps left in ground provide opportunity for termite attack as they are likely to be subject to rot and decay providing an attractive food source. Treatment and/or Removal of the stump is highly recommended. A pest controller and tree removalist should be engaged to perform such works.



### Finding 6.05

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Pictured external wall areas
Finding:	Overflows - Not plumbed for drainage
Information:	The pictured overflow pipes are not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which has resulted in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp.

These damp conditions can lead to secondary defects such as rot, rust or corrosion of associated building elements, the formation of fungal decay, or even the creation of potential slip hazards. When coupled with poor site drainage, pooling of water may also attract termite activity to this area. It is highly recommended that a qualified plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to these areas. These works will

ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



### Finding 6.06

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor ventilation - Inadequate
Information:	Adequate subfloor ventilation aids in preventing excessive moisture wood rot and termite activity by ensuring a dry subfloor environment.

Where ventilation is substandard or blocked, it is usually caused by factors such as failure to install adequate vents during construction or earth and vegetation covering vents. Low subfloor clearance and stored items or debris in the subfloor also restricting airflow.

Subfloor ventilation can be improved in most cases by addressing the causes such as exposing subfloor vents, installing additional vents, installing mechanical ventilation and removing debris from the subfloor.

A registered builder should be appointed as soon as possible to perform these works as necessary.





### Finding 6.07

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor and garage
Finding:	Mould - Present in subfloor
Information:	Where evidence of mould growth was noted, there may be environmental, biological or health issues associated with the report. A specialist inspection by a suitably qualified environmental health inspector is warranted, where mould is extensive or where any queries regarding air quality spores or other related issues apply.

Generally, the client is advised to ensure that the general environment is free of moisture and humidity to aid in the prevention of mould formation and development.

Subfloor mould is generally caused by moisture ingress, lack of external drainage, lack of adequate ventilation and subfloor debris present. These issues need rectification

to stop mould development. Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately by a cleaning contractor or the homeowner as applicable.





### Finding 6.08

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Roof exterior
Finding:	Gutters - Full and blocked
Information:	The guttering on around the roof was found to be blocked at the time of the inspection. Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas. Such moisture will not only cause rust and decay of the associated building materials, but can also provide conditions that are conducive to termite and timber pest activity. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry conditions are maintained.

It is highly advised that gutters be cleaned by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.



### Finding 6.09

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Subfloor

Finding: Subfloor - Debris

Information: An array of debris was found in the subfloor area at the time of inspection. Debris in this area restricts subfloor ventilation and creates potential for concealed pest entry. Stored timbers and other materials may also make the area susceptible to termite activity and wood rot.

A clear and empty subfloor will be better ventilated and easier to maintain in a dry condition. The removal of any timber debris is vital in minimising the risk of termite or wood borer activity.

Debris in the subfloor should be removed as soon as possible. Depending on the location and amount of debris and stored items, the homeowner may elect to undertake this task. Alternatively there are a large number of rubbish removal subcontractors that could undertake these works.





## Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

### Finding 7.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Verandah
Finding:	Fungal decay - present (localised)
Information:	Fungal decay also known as wood decay or wood rot generally refers to the deterioration of timber elements when in contact with excessive levels of moisture for a prolonged period of time.

The development of fungal decay is accelerated by temperatures from 5degreeC to 40degreeC as well as the presence of oxygen. Generally fungal decay develops on timber elements that are in use in an external environment which are exposed to rain penetration.

In this case, the affected timber element is in a decaying state and will need replacement by a carpenter or licensed builder.

Note - See ALL wood rot photos, all these show fungal decay.





## Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

### Finding 8.01

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Some trees
Finding:	Evidence of wood borer activity identified
Information:	Wood borers small beetles that colonise in exposed timber elements are a common timber pest that are regularly mistaken for termites. Although wood borer activity is generally not detrimental to the affected timber they may lead to serious damage and necessitate replacement of certain building elements if left unattended.

The Lyctid borer which generally attacks hardwoods such as subfloor and roofing structures is generally identified by fine dust, surrounding the affected timbers.

The other commonly known borer the Anobium borer is more likely to attack floorboards and may cause severe structural damage to flooring areas.

As no live wood borer activity was identified treatment is not required at this time. Replacement of affected timbers may be considered by the client for superficial reasons.



## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- Licensed Electrician
- Licensed Plumber
- As identified in summary and defect statements
- 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](http://www.jims.net).

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

- SUMMARY

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

There are the safety electrical defects and missing window restrictors.

The major defect of the site drainage appears to be causing many minor defects listed in this report. These drainage related defects and other minor defects and maintenance issues will require attention and remedial maintenance. Left unmanaged some of these defects may become costly in the future and develop into more major defects over time.

An invasive inspection by a timber pest controller is highly recommended by opening up the master bedroom wall to check for termite activity or damage. Minor timber damage was found (painted over) in this area. High moisture was identified in the front window and an unknown material (possibly pest related) was evident.

Please be aware that limitations did affect the inspection with some areas of personal items, furniture, low roof clearance, insulation, flat roofs at the front and rear, most of the rear yard overgrown with vegetation etc meant some areas were not accessible. All rear verandah windows and the door (north side) were key locked with no key to test these areas.

As the rear and east fences are missing in many areas, it was not clear where the boundaries are.

Moisture readings were taken in each room with no significantly moisture found at the time of the inspection except those areas mentioned in the excessive moisture defect.

## TIMBER PEST SUMMARY

Due to the very high degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation, we strongly recommend that a full 'chemical' termite management system be installed to the property. Also inspections in accordance with Australian Standards AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2:2017 is conducted at this property not exceeding 12 months (or as otherwise recommended by the pest control company installing the system).

Termite bait stations were found in two front yard areas. These are generally only installed after termites are found on a property. The termite installer, if following the Australian pest standards, should have placed a durable notice in the house meter box. No preventative measures were found except these 2 front stations.

No evidence of annual inspections have been carried out. Book your local pest inspector in to carry out regular inspections to adhere to the warranty

Note: Regular inspections WILL NOT stop timber pest infestation; however, the damage which may be caused will be reduced when the infestation is found at an early stage.

In an attempt to identify the presence of hidden timber pest activity, a variety of techniques were adopted to identify irregularities including, a moisture meter reading of susceptible areas (see excessive moisture defect) sounding of timber elements using a tapping device, visual assessment of materials affected by moisture or signs of deformity, mud trails and bridging constructed by termites, irregular and regular shaped holes in timber elements indicating pest destruction.

Termite activity generates high temperatures and moisture and if this irregularity is found it can be grounds for further investigation.

Wall paneling, wall paper, carpet and fixed cabinetry can obscure termite activity.

Please be aware evidence of termites, including damage, may be present to concealed and inaccessible timbers, and would only be found if exposed by invasive means.

Trees and stumps, where present, have been visually inspected up to a 2 meter height where possible and practicable, for evidence of termite activity.

It is very difficult, and generally not possible to locate termite nests when they are underground and if within trees they are usually well concealed. We therefore strongly recommend trees and stumps be test drilled for evidence of termite nests.

Please also note the structural integrity of affected trees may have been compromised and must be further assessed by an arborist.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WHERE APPLICABLE:

- Install a Post-Construction Chemical Termite management system to the property (consult a suitably qualified termite expert for advice).
- Book your local pest inspector in to carry out regular termite inspections
- Remove, replace or treat any non-treated timbers in direct contact with the ground
- Clean and flush out blocked guttering regularly.
- Regular inspections every 6-12 months (or as advised by the termite management system installer)

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Justin Blake on: 0435 182 122



## Section D Significant Items

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

#### Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Pictured areas  
 Finding: Safety Hazards and Major defects require immediate rectification  
 Information: All safety hazards should be rectified immediately as a matter of urgency as leaving these unattended may result in severe injury.

All major defects should be rectified immediately as a matter of urgency. Leaving these major defects unmanaged will lead to further deterioration of structural elements which may become safety hazards.

The rectification of all minor defects in this report should be conducted as soon as possible, as leaving these unmanaged may lead major defects and/or safety hazards in the future.

"AS 4349.1 - 2007 Inspection of buildings Part 1: Pre-Purchase inspections- Residential buildings", defects are classified accordingly within this report:

Safety Hazard - A defect or observed item that may constitute a present or serious safety hazard.

Major Defect - A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.

Minor Defect - A defect other than a major defect

#### Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Master bedroom  
 Finding: Additional Photos of pest material identified  
 Information: Additional photos are provided of this material found on the master bedroom window sill. This material could be from regular ants, termites or another source.

An invasive inspection by opening up this plaster wall is highly recommended to rule out the presence in termites in the area.



### Noted Item

Building:	Building 1
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.

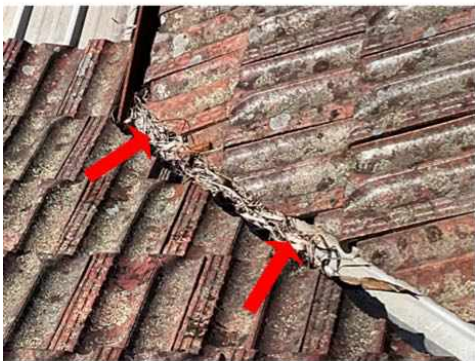
Sarking may be retrospectively fitted by a registered builder at the discretion of the client.



**Noted Item**

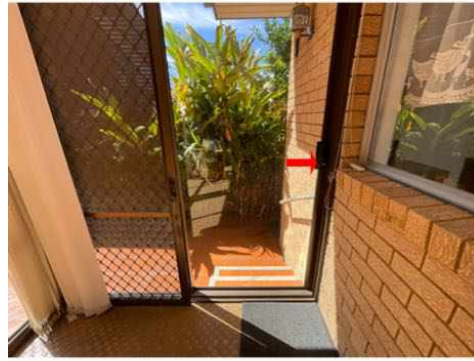
Building: Building 1  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations of EXTERNAL AREAS  
Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of external areas at the time of inspection. These obstructions 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: Building 1  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations of INTERNAL AREAS  
Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of Internal areas 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:	Building 1
Location:	All Roof cavity areas
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations of the ROOF CAVITY
Information:	<p>These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of roof cavity areas 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 if applicable. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.</p> <p>The inspection was also limited to areas with an allowable crawl space of 600mm x 600mm, in particular towards the external walls where the roof line diminishes, these areas were not accessible.</p>



**Noted Item**

Building: Building 1  
Location: All Subfloor Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations of SUBFLOOR AREAS  
Information: These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of subfloor areas 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: Building 1  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference







**Noted Item**

Building: Building 1  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference







**Noted Item**

Building: Building 1  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference







## Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Bathrooms and laundry  
 Finding: Waterproofing membranes - Information Only  
 Information: Internal Water Proofing Membranes, are crucial in preventing water ingress into the property is important to know that the Membrane System used is to Australian Standards and has been installed correctly.

Please refer to the original Building Documents or Maintenance Schedule for the relevant information including;

- Membrane used and Manufacturers Specifications. - The Installer and Installation Certification.

With older property's where this information is unavailable all wet areas should be monitored. If any leaks, water staining, peeling or bubbling of the paint become evident to any adjacent walls or ceilings below a licensed builder or waterproofing specialist is recommended to investigate further.



**Noted Item**

Building: Building 1  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Asbestos - Suspected ACM Identified on Site  
Information: Reporting on Asbestos is outside the Scope of this Report. This suspected defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that there is a higher risk of the identified building element containing asbestos.

As Asbestos Reporting is outside the scope of this report, we advise that you consider a separate Asbestos Inspection and Condition Audit, which can include the taking of samples for definitive confirmation of the presence of Asbestos.

In the interim, the client is advised to act with caution, especially when considering any damage to building materials general wear and tear renovations extensions demolition and general maintenance activities due to the suspected presence of Asbestos.





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

**Noted Item**

Building: Building 1  
 Location: Front areas  
 Finding: Evidence of a previous termite management system was identified  
 Information: There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter box) observable physical barriers installed to building perimeter and in ground reticulation systems.

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

Most chemical termite management systems expire and require replenishment and all physical systems are primarily designed to prevent concealed entry.



## Definitions to help you better understand this report

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

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

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

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

## Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MOISTURE

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

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

## MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

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

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

### **NO CERTIFICATION**

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

### **RECTIFICATION COSTS**

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