



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2026

Property Address: 212/20 Hilly St, Mortlake NSW 2137,  
Australia



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

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## The Parties

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Please be aware that limitations did affect the inspection with inaccessible areas, insulation and stored items meant a complete inspection of the roof space and was not possible. Obstructions such as furniture, stored items and vegetation meant that some areas could not be fully inspected.

NOTE: Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected

timber pest or termite activity and/or damage. The client is strongly advised to make arrangements to access inaccessible areas urgently.

It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every 12 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.

With strata and community title properties, the inspection is limited to the interior and the immediate exterior of the particular residence to be inspected, as that is the extent of the individual property, and does not include review of body corporate or similar records.

All relevant information regarding past inspections and repairs etc in relation to common areas throughout the complex should be obtained by the purchaser.

Note: The report must be read in its entirety and do not rely solely on the summary.

PLEASE READ ALL DEFECTS IN FULL

THIS REPORT IS SUBJECT TO THE PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS WITHIN THIS REPORT.

PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR A COPY IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGHTED THIS DOCUMENT. AMAR NARAYANAN - [quakershill@jimmsbuildinginspections.com.au](mailto:quakershill@jimmsbuildinginspections.com.au)

THIS REPORT WILL FOCUS ON TIMBER PESTS, SAFETY ISSUES AND MAJOR DEFECTS MAINLY. VERY MINOR DEFECTS HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED WITH ARROWS AND CAN BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH THE INSPECTOR. THE REPORT WILL NOT PROVIDE COSTINGS FOR REPAIRS ETC AS THIS IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT AND AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS AS4349.1 (2.3.1). A SEPERATE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED IN RELATION TO COST OF REPAIRS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THE REPORT IN FULL. THE CONCLUSION IS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.

## 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

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in good condition.

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### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Apartment, Unit
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Masonry Piers, Masonry Foundations, Concrete Stumps, Concrete
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	2
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	South West
Other Building Elements	Basement Carpark with Storage
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Doors, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Architraves
Roof	Flat
Storeys	Multi-Storey with basement
Walls	Brick Veneer (Steel Framed), Double car park and Storage.
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.

- Interior
- Car Space - Storage

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 skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling Cavity.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.
- 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:

- Appliances and equipment
- Fixed ceilings
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Floor coverings
- Furniture

- 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.
- Stored items
- Wall linings
- Wallpaper or Wall Coverings

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

No evidence was found

### Major Defect

#### Finding 2.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bedroom >  
Finding: Evidence of Previous water leakage was present at the time of inspection  
Information: Evidence of Previous Water Leak was found during Inspection in the walls below the window area in the second bedroom. Missing roof drainage, leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures, poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage / Landscaping water disposal, Excessive Moisture may generally be the causes of the leakage. 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 external / internal property.

Water ingress will lead into causing mould in the carpets and the surrounding areas.

Upon Inspection the carpet was taken apart to attend to the leak/ detect the leak and was mentioned that the leak had been fixed and the carpet would be replaced by Wooden floors.

Request the buyer to verify on the same and do due delegalance from the strata.









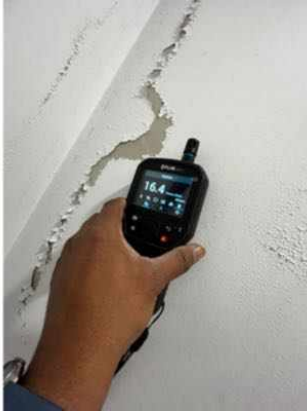
## Finding 2.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Laundry - Suspected/ High condensation
Information:	Condensation from the Dryer/ Washer combo unit may be a result of several causes, including poor installation, blockages in internal ducts, or an excessive temperature causing condensation due to closed doors/ Exhaust fan not in operation when the machines are working.

Evidence of peeled spots around the walls were evident during the inspection. Usually this is due to fine particulate present in air and it normally gathers around ceiling vents caused by static electricity, airflow and condensation of water.

Heavy condensation likely to produce damp conditions in the surrounding area conditions which are conducive. If left unattended, such leaking can develop into water pooling, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements.

A more powerful exhaust fan is recommended or doors with louveres are recommended where there is cross ventilation required for preventing condensation from happening. Due to the damage, The doors have warped, and damaged, all surrounding walls need to be scraped, sanded and to be painted to perfection with mould restraint paint to keep a dry atmosphere.





## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Balcony upstairs and Downstairs
Finding:	Balcony - Floor
Information:	Upon Inspection The gradients of the Balcony floor levels are checked and found to be ok with a fall towards the floor trap.

Suggest to always keep the area clear of rubbish and leaves, for the free flow of water/ rainwater to go through the downpipes.

The area being exposed to different weather is also a Cause for the grout/ silicone to dry up. 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.







### Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Main Bathroom
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information:	It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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.

There appears to be excessive mould to the sealant and grout which will likely require scraping out and replacement.

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 3.03

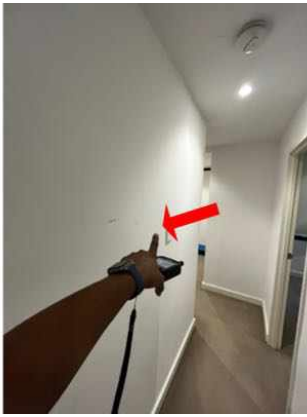
Building: Main Building  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Paint finish - Incomplete  
Information: The paint finish in some areas were identified as being incomplete/ substandard/ cracks at the time of inspection. I have attached a cluster of photos taken in various rooms where the defect was visible. There may be hidden defects/ smudges/blemish in the wall and ceiling areas as they were being covered by a number stored items and furniture present at the time of inspection.

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.

Incomplete 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.





### 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: Electrical Switchboard  
Finding: Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation no Durable Notice  
Information: The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite

barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.



### **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

- Licensed Electrician
- Licensed Plumber

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

- - The Unit is in Good condition when compared to houses of a similar age.

In general all wall and ceiling linings were in good condition with expected wear and tear.

The kitchen was in good condition overall.

The Bathrooms - Minor Defect identified due to silicone degrade - further explanation on report.

Previous Leak identified in Bedroom - Major Defect.

Laundry walls - Major defect.

Water pressure appears to be normal, however, this is not an opinion of a licensed plumber. No water hammer was noted when taps are turned off fast.

The HWS appeared to be in good condition as when the taps in bathrooms and kitchen and laundry were turned on, Hot water was evident during inspection.

However this is not the opinion of the Licensed Plumber. Kindly check for advice.

Further inspection of electrical appliances, plumbing and the air conditioner is advised as reporting on these items is outside the scope of this report.

Minor defects were Noted during Inspection ( Refer Defect Statement)

The report must be read as a whole to fully appreciate the scope of works required to rectify and ensure the long term structural stability and longevity of the building.

Access into the roof space was limited due to excessive timbers, stored items, insulation, ducting and low roof pitch in areas and Flat Roof.

Many minor defects can be rectified and then maintained in the future.

General ongoing maintenance is key in reducing further minor issues which if left to deteriorate further can potentially lead to major ongoing issues.

The purchaser may wish to engage further plumbing, drainage and electrical inspections to ensure these services are fully functional as these areas are outside the scope of this report.

\*THERE IS NO CURRENT DURABLE NOTICE -

A Pre Purchase inspection report is by its very nature may be negative, as its role is to identify the defects in the property. The reader should consider the positive aspects of the property in their final decision making. Not all the positive aspects will be highlighted in this report.

Please Note: This is a general appraisal only and cannot be relied on its own - read the report in its entirety.

The purpose of this inspection is to provide advice to the Client regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection. This inspection is a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and to form an opinion regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

This Summary is supplied to allow a quick and superficial overview of the inspection results. This Summary is NOT the Report and cannot be relied upon on its own. This Summary must be read in conjunction with the full report and not in isolation from the report. If there should happen to be any discrepancy between anything in the Report and anything in this Summary, the information in the Report shall override that in this Summary.

A Building Inspection to AS4349.1-2007 "Appendix C" is not intended as a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any act, regulation, ordinance, or by-law or as a warranty or a insurance policy against problems developing with the building in the future.

Estimating the cost of defects is not included in the Building Inspection Report AS4349.1-2007 "Appendix C" although it may form part of a special-purpose property report.

Most properties will have minor defects such as blemishes, corrosion, cracking, weathering, general deterioration and unevenness and physical damage to materials and finishes. If you want the consultant to report on minor defects and imperfections you will need to ask for a 'Special-Purpose Building Report'

Nearly all properties have minor faults or defects. Faults or defects do not necessarily mean the property should not be purchased. Often many such faults or defects are obvious to you or may be reflected in the selling price.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Amar Narayanan on 0468472460.

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exterior of the particular residence to be inspected, as that is the extent of the individual property, and does not include review of body corporate or similar records.

All relevant information regarding past inspections and repairs etc in relation to common areas throughout the complex should be obtained by the purchaser.

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## Section E Attachments and Further Comments

- Defects Report

## Section D Significant Items

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

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc  
 Information: Plumbing and electrical inspections are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Trades person.

It is highly recommended that the client makes immediate arrangements to have the gas appliances checked by a licensed gas plumber to ensure that the appliances are working safely and efficiently.

We recommend all other installations be checked also.

Whilst we note and comment of visually apparent defects that present during the building inspection, legislation requires the checking and documenting of compliance for plumbing and electrical requirements be done by licensed electrician and plumbers respectively to ensure they are functioning correctly.

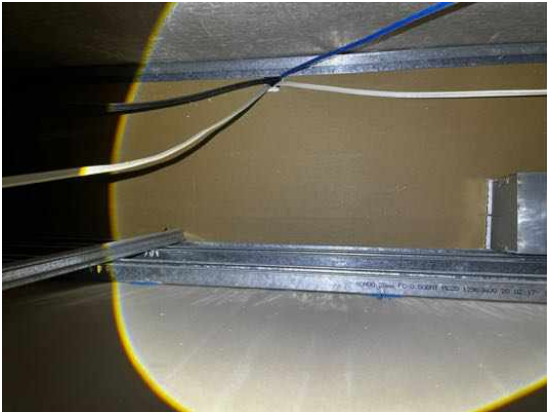
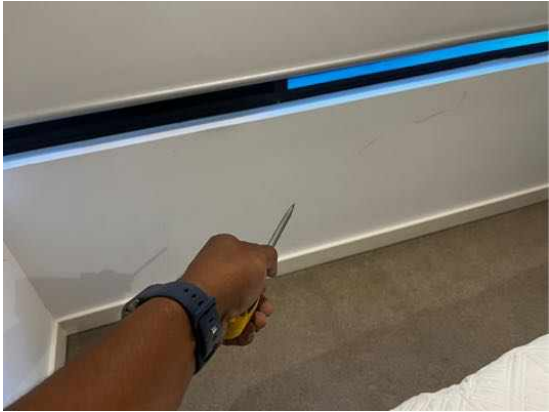




**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Roof - No Access  
Information: Limited access to the roof void was present due to facts including but not limited to access hatch size or placement, Its a Flat roof and no access on inspection.











### Noted Item

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

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices.

Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building.

Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

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



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Kitchen/ Laundry/ Ensuite/ Bathroom  
 Finding: Cabinetry Plumbing - Kitchen/ Laundry/Ensuite  
 Information: All cupboards where sinks and basins with drainage plumbing were inspected and no evidence of leaks were present at the time of inspection.

If damp or wet conditions do occur there are many consequences including the development of fungal decay and/or wood rot, swelling or water damage to building materials.

For your information only no remedial works are required at the time of inspection.

NOTE: Please be aware that although cupboards have had a thorough inspection, obstructions in cupboards may conceal potential water damage, prevent a full inspection and conditions can change after the initial inspection was carried out, therefore damage may be found after obstructions are removed.





**Noted Item**

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

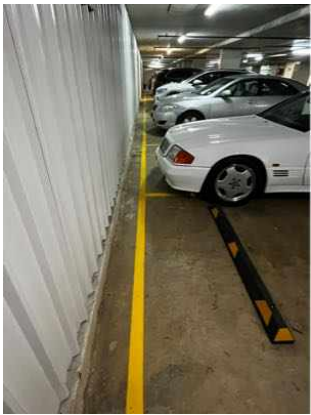




**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Car Park - Basement  
Finding: Car park - Basement Floor  
Information: Inspected the Carpark on the basement and the photos attached during inspection for your information.





## 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.