



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 24 Feb 2026

Property Address: 99 Broughton St, Camden NSW 2570,  
Australia



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## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

A report may be conditional on information provided by the person, agents or employees of the person requesting the report, apparent concealment of possible defects and a range of other factors

The following apply: This report does not comment on common areas.

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.

## 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 poor condition with safety hazards identified. Major and minor defects were also found.

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is highly susceptible to timber pests. Live activity and/or damage from timber pest activity was found at the time. A termite treatment is required.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type	Detached, Residential, Terraced
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Part Slab and Part Subfloor, Suspended Timber Frame, Brick Stumps or Piers
Furnished	Unfurnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	East
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Fascias, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Internal Joinery, Window Frames, Skirting Boards
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Fine

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## 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
- Interior

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.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.

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

### Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Ceiling linings
- 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.
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Appliances and equipment
- Above safe working height
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry

- Gutter Guards
- Insulation
- External finished ground level
- Floor coverings
- Landscaping
- Stored items
- Subfloor was obscured due to poor clearance and obstructions. Less than 75% of the inspectable area was accessible.
- 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:	Main Building
Location:	Alfresco
Finding:	Mould - Present
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. Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately by a cleaning contractor or the homeowner as applicable.



#### Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
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.



## Major Defect

### Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Not connected
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.



### Finding 2.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Extension
Finding:	Site drainage— Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage in this area was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements. This is additionally conducive to termite activity.

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 licensed plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and perform any remedial works as necessary. Water damage and secondary defects are likely to occur if left unmanaged.



### Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom 2

Finding: Ceiling - Water damaged  
 Information: Water damage to the ceiling lining is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present in the roof void, usually via a leak to the roof covering.

Where water damage is evident to the ceiling, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to identify the leak and perform rectification works as necessary, ensuring the water damage is restricted.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including plasterers and painters, is advised. Rectification works may include replacement of ceiling lining or minor repainting, depending on the extent of the damage.



### Finding 2.04

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Garage  
 Finding: Ceiling - Water damaged  
 Information: Water damage to the ceiling lining is generally an indication of excessive moisture being present in the roof void, usually via a leak to the roof covering.

Where water damage is evident to the ceiling, the primary requirement is to identify and rectify the source of the leak. A roofing plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to identify the leak and perform rectification works as necessary, ensuring the water damage is restricted.

Once the leak is repaired, consultation with relevant tradespeople, including plasterers and painters, is advised. Rectification works may include replacement of ceiling lining or minor repainting, depending on the extent of the damage.



### Finding 2.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear bedroom
Finding:	Ceiling - Sagging
Information:	Sections of the ceiling were found to be sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building materials have swollen, due to contact with water, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment.

Where minor sagging is evident, comparatively minor works, such as re-gluing of ceiling sheets, may be required. Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters. Where excessive moisture has caused the roofing structure to swell and sag, the source of the water leak should primarily be identified prior to any remedial works being performed.

In some cases, sagging ceiling linings may also indicate that there are structural issues, causing surfaces to warp, twist or sag. Where sagging appears to be major, appointment of a structural engineer is advised to further inspect the property and identify the source and rectification works required.

The appropriate action should be taken by the client as soon as possible to ensure that any potential further damage is limited.



## Finding 2.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Pipework - Leaking into subfloor
Information:	Dampness to localised sections of the subfloor area was identified. It is suspected that this dampness has occurred due to leaking pipes in this area, which may be exacerbated by poor site drainage and inadequate subfloor ventilation.

Dampness in this area is likely to lead to wood rot and general deterioration of structures within the subfloor space. Excessive moisture also creates an environment which is conducive to termite and pest infestation.

A licensed plumber should be appointed immediately to repair any pipes that may be leaking. This will ensure a dry subfloor space as well as improving the water efficiency of the property.



## Finding 2.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof tiles - Broken
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roof covering, broken roofing tiles were identified. Broken and friable roof tiles are generally the result of ageing and weathering of what is essentially a porous material.

If left to further deteriorate, broken and brittle roof tiles are likely to lead to water penetration via the roof into the ceiling space, causing secondary damage to ceiling linings, insulation and roof structures. Broken roof tiles are also likely to detract from the effectiveness of the roof drainage system, creating potential for secondary damage to the exterior roof covering and roof plumbing.

Replacement of broken tiles is required and should be performed by a roofing contractor as soon as possible.



### Finding 2.08

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Wet Areas  
 Finding: Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged  
 Information:

It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to this area.

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 should be appointed to complete these works as soon as possible.





### Finding 2.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Tiles - Damaged

Information: Damage was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection. This area is frequently exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring.

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

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

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



### Finding 2.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor structure - Wood rot
Information:	The subfloor structure in this area is showing signs of deterioration and wood rot (fungal decay) of the timbers. It is suspected that this defect has developed as a result of water leak at some stage.

Damp conditions cause the timbers to fail, resulting in the subfloor structures failing to bear the load (or weight) of the building as originally intended. Without repairs and maintenance, including potential replacement of affected elements, it is likely that serious structural faults will result, as well as an array of minor defects.

The presence of wood rot to the subfloor structure is also conducive to termite infestation.

Rectification or replacement of the affected timber building element is required immediately by a licensed builder.



### Minor Defect

#### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Water leak - Active
Information:	Generally, water leaks occur when a particular area of the property is not weather or water tight. As the surrounding area was found to be damp at the time of inspection, the leak is considered ongoing and hence requires urgent action.

Regardless of the location, even minor leaks that are left unmanaged can lead to serious damage of associated building elements and result in the need for replacement of building materials. Mould and other hazards such as electrical hazards may also arise if the leak is left to develop.

It is highly advised that the cause of the leak be identified and resolved immediately by a licensed plumber to prevent any further damage. Depending on the extent of the damage previously sustained, repair and/or replacement of any affected building materials may be required.



### Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Carport
Finding:	Ceiling sagging - Carport
Information:	Sections of the ceiling were found to be sagging at the time of inspection. Sagging to

the fixed ceiling structure generally indicates that the building materials have swollen, due to contact with water, or that fixings (e.g. nails or glue) have become loose and require reattachment. This is a very common defect in carports due to their lack of insulation and or their susceptibility to moisture. Condensation builds up in the roof and rests on the plasterboard softening it somewhat which makes it more likely to sag and release from its fixing points.

Where minor sagging is evident, comparatively minor works, such as re-gluing of ceiling sheets, may be required. Such works may be performed by relevant tradespeople, such as plasterers and painters. Where excessive moisture has caused the roofing structure to swell and sag, the source of the water leak should primarily be identified prior to any remedial works being performed.

In some cases, sagging ceiling linings may also indicate that there are structural issues, causing surfaces to warp, twist or sag. Where sagging appears to be major, appointment of a structural engineer is advised to further inspect the property and identify the source and rectification works required.

While damage is minimal at this stage a licensed plasterboard contractor should be appointed to repair the ceiling. Insulating the area could be a considered by the client once repaired.



### Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Dining/bed, Bathroom
Finding:	Cracking - Damage Category 2 - Noticeable (up to 5mm)
Information:	Noticeable cracks are a common occurrence as a result of many primary defects. Such causes may include age, general wear and tear, expected building movement, general expansion/contraction of building materials in different weather conditions, and/or minor failings in the installation or application of building materials.

Noticeable cracks may result in minor sticking or jamming of associated doors and windows, which require easement. However, noticeable cracks are easily filled and repaired. A plasterer can be consulted to install an expansion joint at this point to allow

for this movement during different weather conditions.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous. Additionally, your building inspector should also be contacted if associated building elements such as doors and windows become more difficult to operate over time.

Relevant tradespeople, such as carpenters, painters and plasterers, should be appointed to perform remedial works, as deemed necessary.



**Finding 3.04**

Building: Main Building

Location: Multiple areas  
Finding: Cracking - Damage Category 1 - Fine (up to 1mm)  
Information: Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. Generally, the cause of a fine crack is indicative of a separation between building materials and finishes (e.g. paint, plaster, etc.) along joins.

Cracking of this nature can generally be repaired with minor sanding, filling and/or repainting. Such works should be performed by a qualified painter or a general handyman.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.





### Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Building element - Damaged
Information:	Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have either aged and decayed, or as a result of damage (accidental or deliberate).

Repair and/or replacement of broken elements is advised to ensure that additional secondary defects do not arise as a consequence. Such works are necessary, as all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

A relevant tradesperson should be appointed to repair or replace the affected building element prior to any subsequent damage being caused.



### Finding 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Multiple areas
Finding:	Plumbing - Point of connection non-compliant
Information:	At the time of inspection it was noted that connections between above ground pipe work and below ground sewer/storm water systems were incomplete.

At the point of connection, the connection should be sealed against vermin and debris entering the sewer / storm water system. The sealing method depends upon the age and type of the pipe work being connected.

Additionally, where sewer pipes are concerned, gases can escape from unsealed connections which can pose a serious health risk.

Engagement of a certified plumber is strongly recommended to ensure all connection points are sealed in accordance with the plumbing construction guidelines.



### Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing
Finding:	Fencing - Deteriorated
Information:	It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing in this area has deteriorated. Typically fencing deteriorates due to age and or wear, rot and or rust which is generally expected for a structure of this age, due to prolonged exposure to weather conditions. Sometimes inadequate installation or maintenance can be to blame.

If left unattended, it is likely that further damage will occur. It is suspected that repair of several elements of the fencing may be required however replacement may be a

consideration of the client also.

A licensed fencing contractor should be appointed to provide further advice and perform rectification works as necessary.



### Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Building element - Rusted or corroded

Information: This building element shows evidence of rusting and corrosion, which is likely to have developed as a result of excessive exposure to moisture and or inadequate coatings.

As surface rust provides no protection to the underlying iron, the deteriorating condition is likely to worsen if not addressed in the short-term future. This will then allow water leakage to the subfloor space.

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 licensed plumber must be appointed to replace the bath tub.



### Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Carport
Finding:	Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 1 - Fine (less than 2mm)
Information:	Fine cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. To be considered a Category 1 or fine crack, the crack is found to be less than 2mm in width.

Generally the cause of a hairline crack in existing concrete paving such as driveways and pathways is indicative of the expansion and contraction of the concrete. Such causes are generally due to environmental factors, such as moisture levels, weather conditions, root systems of nearby trees or the soil types on which they are laid.

Fine cracks may also be due to poor original installation of the concrete. Factors such as poor compaction of the sub surface and/or inadequate reinforcing of the slab may create cracking and other secondary defects.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.

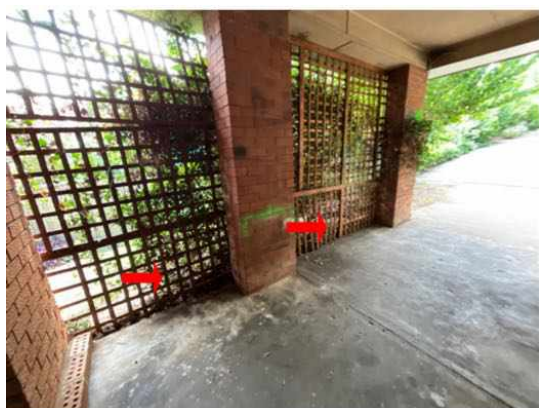


### Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Carport
Finding:	Untreated or non-durable timbers in a hazardous environment
Information:	To reduce the risk of timber pest attack it is essential that timber used in a hazardous environment (e.g. in direct contact with the ground or frequently exposed to damp conditions) is of sufficient durability and/or is adequately preservative treated.

Untreated timbers in direct contact with the ground are likely to develop severe wood rot and/or fungal decay if left unattended creating attraction for subterranean termites to infest the timbers from surrounding areas.

If untreated or non-durable timbers are found to be in a hazardous environment it is highly advised that replacement of these building elements be performed as soon as possible to aid the protection of the property against termite / timber pest attack.



### Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Trees - Overhanging and filling gutters
Information:	Overhanging trees often result in excessive amounts of leaf debris accumulating in gutters.

Gutters are a critical part of the building's management of storm water and rain. It is therefore important that they be kept clear to prevent secondary damage to associated building elements, including exterior and interior walls, ceiling linings and any adjoining building elements. Where gutters are blocked, pooling of rainwater is likely to occur, fast-tracking rust and corrosion of the roof plumbing elements.

It is highly advised that all overhanging tree branches be removed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage. Repair and/or replacement of sections of damaged guttering may also be required where the extent of the damage necessitates.

Such works should be performed by the homeowner; however, appointment of a landscape contractor or an arborist may be required. Consultation with a licensed roof

plumber is required where guttering has been damaged.



### Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Exterior  
 Finding: Roof tiles - Weathered  
 Information:

Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof tiles were considered to be in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

Isolated areas of mortar have come loose and minor cracking is also present. Re-pointing and re-sealing the may be considered as an interim solution by the client to help preserve and extend the life span of the tiles.

Where left unmanaged, deteriorating roof tiles are likely to lead to a number of secondary defects, including minor water leaks and weather exposure to internal roofing structures.

Consultation with a licensed 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 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen/dining
Finding:	Floors — bouncy
Information:	The internal flooring in this area was identified as being bouncy and squeaky at the time of inspection. A bouncy floor surface generally presents as a discernible change in level as they are walked across, in noisy or creaking flooring, or in consequent movement of surrounding furniture and fixtures.

Bouncy floors generally indicate that the floorboards or the subfloor structures are coming loose from the joists that they are installed on. Bouncy flooring may also be the result of gaps between flooring and joist structures, which require packing.

Although not a matter of urgency, the client is advised to seek quotations for required repairs from a licensed Builder.



### Finding 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bedroom 3
Finding:	Door - Binding/jamming
Information:	

Binding and/or jamming of this door is evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected door as well as creating potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering or adjacent frame.

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.

A licensed carpenter should be appointed to perform minor rectification works at client discretion.



**Finding 3.15**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Piers - Leaning  
Information: Pier to the subfloor structure is leaning, indicating that its structural integrity may have been affected. The cause of this instability is likely to be caused by movement / minor subsidence of the pier due to moisture.

Although only minor the pier should be monitored to avoid potential structural damage, which is likely to lead to a range of major and minor defects. Improving site drainage is recommended to avoid further movement / subsidence of the affected pier.

If further movement is evident appointment of a structural engineer is advised to assess the condition of the piers and provide advice on remedial works that may be required.





### Finding 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Washers - Degraded
Information:	The washers on the taps in this area appear to have degraded as a result of general ageing. Degraded washers generally result in slow, persistent leakage from taps and plumbing hardware.

Replacement of washers will ensure that water wastage does not occur and that the persistent water leak does not result in secondary damage to surrounding structures. Such damage may range from rust and corrosion to damage of surfaces, e.g. bench tops, etc.

A qualified plumber should be appointed to replace degraded washers and to further inspect associated plumbing fixtures and fittings. Where water damage has occurred, a carpenter or cabinet maker may be appointed to replace affected building elements.



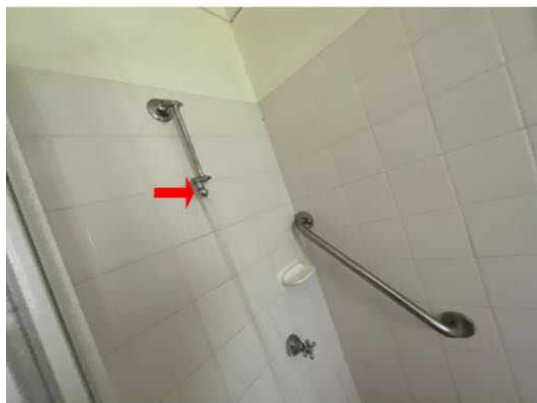
### Finding 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Building element - Missing

**Information:** Although some building elements may seem irrelevant or unnecessary, all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

Replacement of any missing building element should be conducted as soon as possible to ensure that no damage or functional issues occur to associated building materials.

The appropriate tradesperson should be appointed as soon as possible to replace the missing building element.



### Finding 3.18

**Building:** Main Building

**Location:** Multiple areas

**Finding:** Paint cracking and peeling

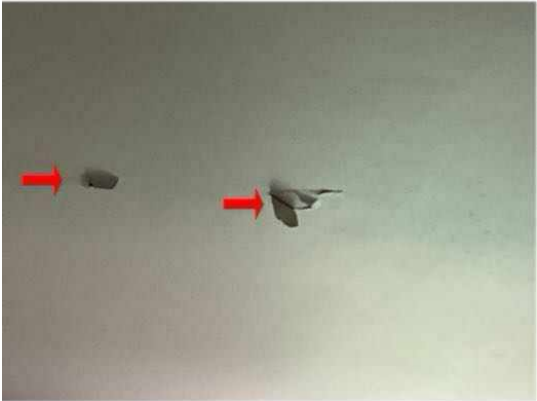
**Information:** Cracking and ultimately flaking of paint can occur for a variety of reasons. Often these failures are due to the fact that the paint has inadequate adhesion and flexibility, both common problems with lower quality exterior flat paints.

When timber is involved, moisture intrusion results in swelling of the wood surface followed by contraction as the wood dries. The expansion and contraction cycles, can result in cracking and subsequent paint failure by flaking and peeling.

Cracking and flaking can also result when paint is applied too thinly due to overspreading (higher-than-recommended spread rate) or excessive thinning. These practices tend to diminish the paint's final film thickness, so that it is more vulnerable to cracking and flaking.

Inadequate surface preparation can also cause these failures, especially when paint is applied to bare wood or a very porous surface without first applying a primer.

A qualified painter should be appointed to rectify the problem.



## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

### Finding 5.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Evidence of termite damage
Information:	Despite no live termite or timber pest activity being indicated, previous termite damage was found to have affected this area or otherwise termite workings were identified at the time of inspection. This damage is considered to be inactive.

A licensed termite specialist should be appointed to provide a treatment plan compliant to the current Australian Standard.



## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

### Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation
Finding:	Stormwater drain - Not connected
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

Where roof plumbing doesn't drain adequately, the area at the base perimeter can become excessively damp, potentially creating an environment that is susceptible to rust and corrosion of surrounding building elements, as well as attracting termites and other pests.

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to install adequate drainage equipment where necessary.



### Finding 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Extension
Finding:	Site drainage— Inadequate
Information:	The site drainage in this area was found to be inadequate at the time of inspection, creating potential for subsequent water damage to associated building elements. This is additionally conducive to termite activity.

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 licensed plumber should be appointed to further inspect the property and perform any remedial works as necessary. Water damage and secondary defects are likely to occur if left unmanaged.



### Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Pipework - Leaking into subfloor
Information:	Dampness to localised sections of the subfloor area was identified. It is suspected that this dampness has occurred due to leaking pipes in this area, which may be exacerbated by poor site drainage and inadequate subfloor ventilation.

Dampness in this area is likely to lead to wood rot and general deterioration of structures within the subfloor space. Excessive moisture also creates an environment which is conducive to termite and pest infestation.

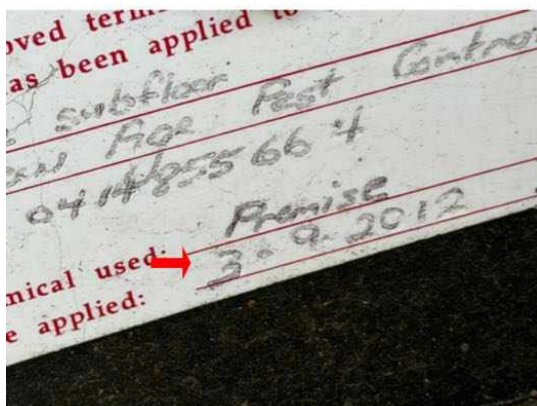
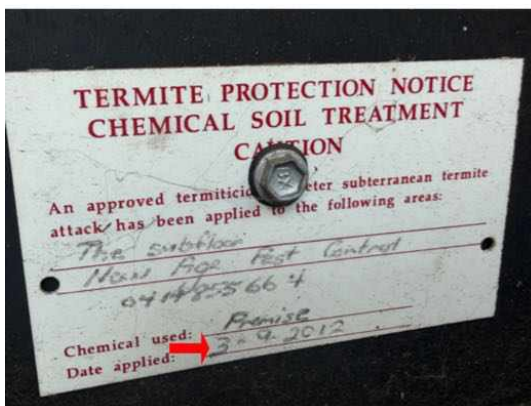
A licensed plumber should be appointed immediately to repair any pipes that may be leaking. This will ensure a dry subfloor space as well as improving the water efficiency of the property.



### Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Re-application of chemical termite barrier - required
Information:	Chemical treated barriers deteriorate over time necessitating the need for re-application of a barrier every 6-10 years depending on the product type environment etc. Due to this deterioration chemical barriers decline in their effectiveness exponentially if not replenished.

Consult the record of installation to identify the type of chemical and date of application. It is then advised to consult a licensed pest controller regarding reapplication intervals. Annual inspections are almost always required for all system types.



**Finding 6.05**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Yard - Side  
 Finding: Overflow - Not plumbed for drainage  
 Information: The overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which can result 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 licensed plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



### Finding 6.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
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 6.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
Finding:	Tree stump - Remove
Information:	Old tree stumps were found around the property. Attached photos are examples of these.

Any tree stumps in ground contact provide opportunity for concealed termite infestation and are likely to be subject to decay as the soil retains moisture or damp conditions against the tree stump.

All tree stumps should be removed where possible. Frequent pest inspections are advised to readily identify any termite activity in these areas.



### Finding 6.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing & Landscaping
Finding:	Building materials in direct ground contact - conducive to termites
Information:	Where timber elements are in direct contact with the ground and consequently moisture or dampness they become conducive to termite activity. Whether timber is used as a building element part of a fencing structure or stored as an unused item they can provide an environment that is attractive to termite infestation.

When met with excessive moisture timber begins to decay and develop wood rot. Any timbers that are in direct contact with external grounds especially if left untreated or non-durable also provide ingress for subterranean termites into that particular element.

The removal of any such materials that may be conducive to termite activity should be removed as soon as possible to minimise the risk of termite attack.





### Finding 6.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard
Finding:	Stored timbers - subfloor space or external area
Information:	The storing of timbers in the subfloor space or around the external property increases the risk of termite activity being present. As they are likely to come into contact with weather conditions or excessive moisture wood rot is likely to develop on timbers that are not treated.

It is highly recommended that any stored timbers be immediately removed from areas in which they may attract any termite / timber pest attack. Minimisation of risk / prevention of termite attack is far more adequate than dealing with the presence of termite activity.



### Finding 6.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	
Finding:	Surrounding bushland - Conducive
Information:	Home and or building is situated in a high risk area for termite activity, due to close proximity to surrounding bushland.



### Finding 6.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Vegetation
Finding:	Vegetation - Abutting property
Information:	Vegetation against external wall may have an invasive root system. If there are weak points in the brick work or concrete slab, it is possible for the roots to gain entry into these areas. Once the roots have gained entry, it is possible for termites to gain concealed entry via these roots. It is recommended to remove the vegetation and root system where possible.



### Finding 6.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garden beds
Finding:	Garden Beds
Information:	Garden beds were found to be evident in the garden area. These garden beds can include untreated timber, and with a combination of moisture from watering or hosing can make conditions conducive to termite activity and termite ingress.



### Finding 6.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	External tap
Finding:	Tap - No drain
Information:	The external tap in this area was noted to have no drain at the time of inspection.

This keeps the surrounding surfaces damp while using the tap, which becomes conducive to termite activity.

A licensed plumber must be appointed to ensure an appropriate drain is installed.



### Finding 6.14

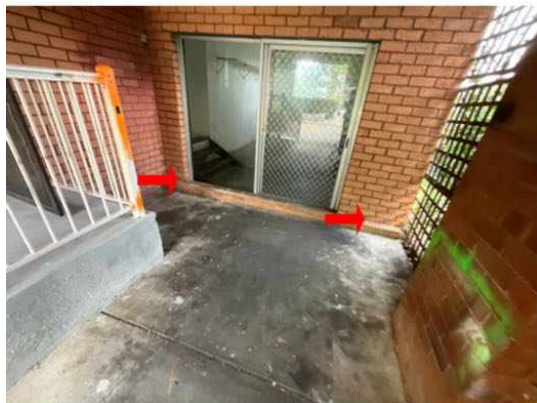
Building: Main Building

Location: Garage

Finding: Slab Edge - Exposure

Information: Slab Edge Exposure: Where external concrete slab edges are not exposed there is a high risk of concealed termite entry. In some buildings built since July 1995 the edge of the slab forms part of the termite shield system. In these buildings an inspection zone of at least 75mm should be maintained to permit detection of termite entry. The concrete edge should not be concealed by render, tiles, cladding, flashings, adjoining structures, paving, soil, turf or landscaping etc. Where this is the case you should arrange to have the slab edge exposed for inspection. Concealed termite entry may already be taking place but could not be detected at the time of the inspection. This may have resulted in concealed timber damage. Does the slab edge inspection zone fully comply?

Not able to comment. A very high proportion of termite attacks are over the edge of both Infill and other concrete slabs types. Covering the edge of a concrete slab makes concealed termite entry easy. Infill slab type construction has an even higher risk of concealed termite ingress as the slab edge is concealed due to the construction design and cannot be exposed. The type of slab may only be determined by assessment of the construction plans by a qualified person e.g. Builder, Architect. Construction Plans may be obtainable by your local Council or Builder. Termite activity and or damage may be present in concealed timbers of the building. We strongly recommend frequent regular inspections in accordance with AS 3660.2. Where the slab edge is not fully exposed or the slab is an infill slab or the slab type cannot be determined then we strongly recommend inspections every 3 to 6 months in accordance with AS 3660.2 or AS 4349.3.



### Finding 6.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Formwork timbers - left in situ
Information:	Formwork timber appears to have been left on site and in situ after concrete construction. Formwork timber is used to support and shape the concrete while pouring during the construction process. Leaving formwork timbers in the subfloor space or around the exterior of the property increases the risk of termite activity being present. As they are likely to come into contact with weather conditions or excessive moisture wood rot is likely to develop on timbers that are not treated. It is highly recommended that any formwork timbers be immediately removed from areas in which they may attract any termite/timber pest attack. Minimisation of risk/prevention of termite attack is far more adequate than dealing with the presence of termite activity.



## Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

### Finding 7.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fascias

Finding: Fascias - Wood rot/decay  
Information: Wood rot was found to be affecting fascias and barges in this area, evidenced by the presence of mould on the surface in some areas. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis.

It is likely that this wood rot has developed as a result of faults in the roof plumbing, creating excessive moisture in this areas. Otherwise frequent exposure to rain and other weather conditions also make fascias and barges susceptible to accelerated deterioration.

Early intervention and regular maintenance 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.

It is advised that a roof plumber be appointed to inspect all roof plumbing and subsequently identify the cause of the wood rot. Replacement of affected fascias and barges may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

A licensed plumber may be appointed to assess the cause of excessive moisture and to provide advice on any remedial works as required. A licensed carpenter may also be required to replace affected building materials.





## Finding 7.02

Building: Main Building

Location: Subfloor

Finding: Subfloor structure - Wood rot

Information: The subfloor structure in this area is showing signs of deterioration and wood rot (fungal decay) of the timbers. It is suspected that this defect has developed as a result of water leak at some stage.

Damp conditions cause the timbers to fail, resulting in the subfloor structures failing to bear the load (or weight) of the building as originally intended. Without repairs and maintenance, including potential replacement of affected elements, it is likely that serious structural faults will result, as well as an array of minor defects.

The presence of wood rot to the subfloor structure is also conducive to termite infestation.

Rectification or replacement of the affected timber building element is required immediately by a licensed builder.



## Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage

## Finding 8.01

Building: Main Building

Location:

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 a 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 Plumber
- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Asbestos Inspector
- Other
- Registered/Licensed Builder
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller
- Tree surgeon (arborist)

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

- This is a visual report as per AS4349.1 & AS4349.3 and as per agreed pre-inspection agreement that you have received from us.

This summary must be read in conjunction with the defects list.

The purchaser should ensure all extensions and additions are council approved and completed by licensed trades.

The property was found to be in a very poor condition with safety hazards, major defects and minor defects. Termite damages were also identified. A licensed termite specialist should be appointed for a further assessment based on AS3660.2.2000. Installation of a termite chemical barrier is highly recommended. Regular termite inspections are highly recommended every 3-6 months.

Repair of all other defects are recommended. If left unattended, secondary minor or major defects can ensue.

Please be aware that limitation's did affect the inspection and areas of low clearance and poor access meant a complete inspection of the roof space and subfloor was not possible and areas of stored items, insulation and garden vegetation meant some areas were obstructed.

It is strongly recommended that full access is gained as major defects and/or damage may be concealed.

Please read all the defects and recommendations carefully and read the report in its entirety.

Additional information:

- Trees within 50m of the house that are on other properties or common grounds were not inspected.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Terry Masoudi \* on: 0420 990 777

### Section D Significant Items

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

##### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Meter Box  
Finding: Electrical switchboard - Old ceramic fuses  
Information:

The electrical switchboard while appearing to have adequate safety switches installed has old ceramic fuses in place.

While this on its own on is not considered a defect it is noted for the clients consideration that a switchboard upgrade may be required in the short to mid term to improve the functionality of the electrical system. A licensed electrician could be appointed to provide quotation for the works at the client's discretion which may in turn expose other required works to bring the system up to a compliant state.



##### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Dining Room

Finding: Smoke Detectors 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.

Please note that this defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that the absence of smoke detectors, or their poor condition, should be addressed as a matter of urgency to improve occupant safety.

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.

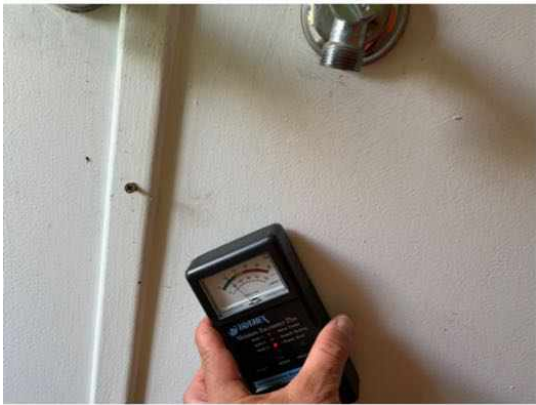
Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building. Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

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



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Moisture metre  
 Information: During the inspection the property was checked for moisture using a moisture metre.  
 This is for information only.



Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Wet Areas  
Finding: Waterproofing  
Information:

All taps, mixers and toilets were tested for operation, except for those obstructed. The waterproofing to the shower recess was assessed by checking the walls in and around the shower recess for varying moisture content. There were no significant variations across the tested areas. No sign of recent water damage was evident upon a visual inspection of the surrounding walls, where the visual nature of the inspection was possible.

Consequently, there is no conclusive evidence of any current shower recess leakage other than those which may have already been mentioned earlier in this report. It is reasonable to assume the shower waterproofing is sound. Note that if the shower is not used, or has not been used for some time, moisture readings would not vary significantly and this can lead to erroneous results. It is not possible under the visual inspection criteria (under which a prepurchase inspection is carried out) to categorically determine if there are leaks. If a more accurate assessment is required, a special purpose inspection should be requested. Alternatively, the assumption should be made that the shower may leak.





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Exterior  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Additional Photos  
Information:

Additional photos are provided for your general reference.



### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/appliances/pool equipment/fire safety etc
Finding:	Plumbing & Electrical
Information:	Plumbing and electrical inspections including appliances 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: All Areas  
 Finding: Site drainage  
 Information: Unless mentioned as a defect further up this report, site drainage appears to be acceptable at the time of inspection, however, the site/yard should be monitored during heavy rain to determine whether the existing drains can cope. If it appears that they cannot cope, then additional drains may be required. The general adequacy of site drainage is not included in the Standard Property Inspection Report. Comments on surface water drainage are limited as where there may have been either little or no rainfall for a period of time, surface water drainage may appear to be adequate during the inspection but then during periods of heavy rain, may be found to be inadequate. Any comments made in this section are relevant only in light of the conditions present at the time of inspection. It is recommended that a Smoke Test be obtained to determine any illegal connections, blocked or broken drains.

### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location:  
 Finding: Pipework - Old urban wear pipes  
 Information: Old urban wear pipes were identified at the time of inspection.

Consultation with a licensed plumber is advised. CCTV inspection on pipes may be required.



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas

Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations  
Information:

These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.





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

### Noted Item

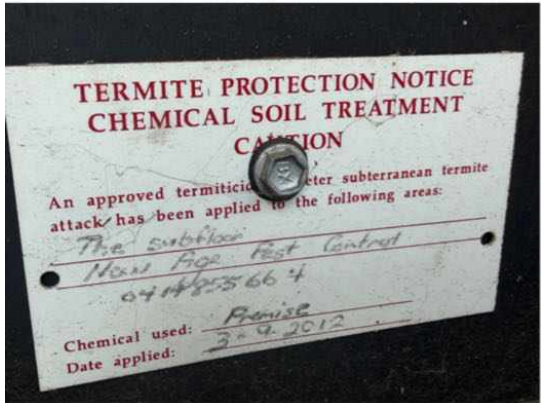
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Garage
Finding:	Evidence of a previous termite management system was identified
Information:	There are a number of factors which indicate the presence of a previously installed or applied termite barrier. The most common are a durable notice (to the inside of your meter 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.



Chemical injection points



## 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.