



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2026

Property Address: 71a Nicholson Parade, Spring Farm NSW  
2570, Australia



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## The Parties

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This report is valid only as at the date of inspection. Any defects arising after this date cannot be accounted for. The inspection was non-invasive and subject to limitations and obstructions noted in the report, which may have restricted access to certain areas e.g. roof void and subfloors. As a result, concealed defects may exist that could not be identified without further invasive investigation.

Due to these limitations, the risk of undetected defects is higher in areas with restricted access such as

roof voids, subfloors, and behind fixed linings, insulation, or stored goods. A further invasive inspection is recommended where significant limitations were noted.

Inspection may be restricted to the manhole due to size of manhole, ducting and/or truss obstructions. To enable a more comprehensive inspection of concealed roof areas, the installation of an additional manhole or access point is recommended.

For timber pest inspections, the property remains at risk where no chemical or physical termite management system is present. Annual inspections in accordance with AS 3660.2:2017 are strongly advised, and installation of a termite management system by a licensed pest controller is recommended.

Severe weather events common in NSW can overwhelm roof coverings, flashings, skylights, and gutters, leading to water ingress that may not be evident under normal rainfall. No guarantee can be given against future leaks. Regular inspection and maintenance of all roof and drainage systems is essential.

Safety hazards and major defects should be rectified immediately. Licensed trades, including a roofer, plumber, electrician, and pest controller, should be engaged as recommended in this report to reduce ongoing risk and protect the property.

This report is not a guarantee of future condition and should not be relied upon as a certificate of compliance. The client is responsible for ongoing maintenance, monitoring, and obtaining specialist reports where recommended.

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

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

### Overall Condition (Building)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is in fair condition with minor defects, maintenance items and observations under section D significant items (for your information) requiring attention.

For further information refer to the body of the report.

### Overall Condition (Timber Pest)

In summary, the building, compared to others of similar age and construction is moderately susceptible to timber pests. A current termite treatment is in place. Minimum 12 monthly inspections should be carried out.

## Section B General

### General description of the property

Building Type	Residential, Semi-Detached
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Tiles and carpeted areas
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Garage, Water Tanks, Pergola, Party Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	External Joinery, Fascias, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Eaves, Doors, Door Frames, Architraves, Architectural Trims, Skirting Boards, Staircase, Weatherboards
Roof	Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond)
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Fine

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

The following areas were inspected. As documented in your Pre-Inspection Agreement, obstructions and limitations to the accessible areas for inspection are to be expected in any inspection. Refer also to our listing of obstructions and limitations.

- Exterior
- Fencing
- Gardens
- Interior
- Landscaping Timbers
- Roof Void - Part
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Roof Exterior - First Floor Only
- Wall Exterior

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Slab edge which would normally be exposed due to finished ground levels obscuring inspection.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.
- Roof Exterior - Part

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
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Appliances and equipment
- Above safe working height
- Duct work
- External concrete or paving
- Chimney vents and flues
- External finished ground level
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- Insulation
- Landscaping
- Pipework
- Sarking
- Stored items

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: **Medium**

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: **Medium**

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

No evidence was found

### Minor Defect

#### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Flashing defective -poor installation
Information:	The metal flashing at the wall junction appears inadequately installed, with visible gaps and lifting and reliance on surface sealant rather than a properly chased and continuous detail. The junction does not appear fully weather-tight, increasing the risk of moisture ingress into the wall cavity or roof structure over time. Defective flashing installation can lead to concealed deterioration if not addressed. Recommend assessment and rectification by a qualified roofing contractor to ensure compliant and effective weatherproofing.



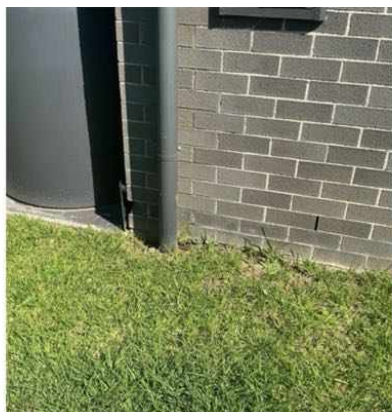


### Finding 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas - Rear
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.

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

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



### Finding 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathrooms
Finding:	Elevated Moisture Bathroom (No visible deterioration noted)
Information:	Elevated moisture levels were detected to tiled surfaces in bathroom/shower areas. Persistent moisture ingress can lead to concealed damage, including timber rot and mould growth.

Elevated moisture readings in tiled wet areas can occur from normal shower use, age/deterioration of waterproofing membranes, plumbing leaks or moisture absorption through grout lines. While no damage was visible, elevated readings may indicate moisture retention behind tiles, which can be a conducive condition for future deterioration if not monitored.

Monitor the area over time for signs of drumming, efflorescence, tile movement, or grout deterioration. Further inspection by a licensed waterproofing is recommended (e.g., pressure testing, membrane assessment).





### Finding 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Window seals - deteriorated
Information:	The window seals have deteriorated.

Where window seals have deteriorated, the window is no longer weather-tight; rain penetration and subsequent water damage is therefore likely to ensue. Insulation of the area against external weather conditions will also be compromised.

It is recommended that all deteriorated window seals be replaced by a general handyman or sealant expert to prevent any further damage and to restore the window to a fully functional level.



**Finding 3.05**

Building: Main Building

Location: All Internal Areas - floor internal , left wall , rear wall

Finding: Elevated moisture - No visible deterioration

Information: Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded to the tiled floor surfaces , adjacent wall bases and first floor below windows when tested using a non-invasive (pinless) moisture meter. No visual evidence of moisture ingress, tile debonding, grout deterioration, staining, mould growth, or related moisture damage was observed at the time of inspection. Ongoing monitoring is recommended, and further investigation is warranted to check if there are concealed defects developing.





Finding 3.06

Building: Main Building  
Location: All External Areas  
Finding: Walls - Water stained  
Information: Water staining to sections of the walls in this area was evident at the time of inspection. Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to moisture over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

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

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

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion.



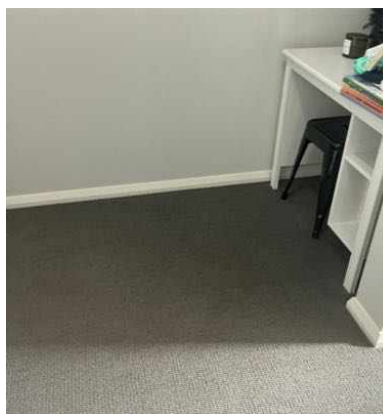
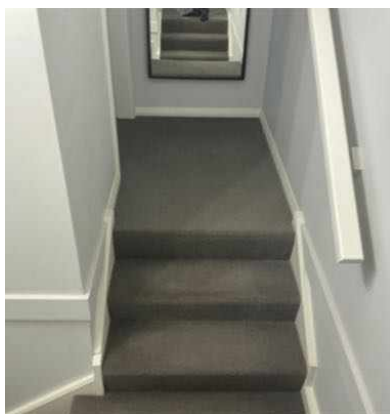


### Finding 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Floor Flexing on First Floor - Bouncy Floor to some areas
Information:	Localised floor flexing was noted in isolated areas of the first floor during normal walking conditions. This condition is typical of timber-framed floor systems and may be attributed to minor deflection in floor joists, insufficient subfloor support, or age-related settlement of structural elements.

No visible signs of structural damage or distress were observed at the time of inspection. If the deflection worsens or causes concern, further assessment by a licensed builder or carpenter is recommended. Remedial work may include installation of additional support noggins, blocking, or subfloor stiffening to reduce bounce and improve floor rigidity.





### Finding 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Efflorescence
Information:	Efflorescence appears to be affecting the brickwork, concrete or tiles in this area. Efflorescence typically occurs when excess salts within the concrete or cement mortar is leached to the surface due to water transfer.

It is typically seen as white salt deposits on the surfaces of concrete pavement or mortar between bricks or tiles. While detracting from the overall appearance of the affected area, efflorescence is not likely to develop into secondary damage if left unmanaged.

Generally, soluble salt deposits can be removed by dry brushing with a stiff-bristled brush. Repeated dry brushing is an ideal treatment for eliminating this forming of efflorescence. A cleaning contractor or general handyperson may be appointed to perform these works at the discretion of the client.



### Finding 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas - Front tiles area

Finding: Sealant and grouting - Missing or degraded  
Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded.

Different materials and floor areas move at different rates, generally causing cracking to grout or sealant at this point. A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

Flexible and mould resistant materials should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur. Regular maintenance and replacement of damage or missing or damaged sealant and grout is highly recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of your property.

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



**Finding 3.10**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Internal Areas - Front , Garage  
Finding: Tiles - Cracked or damaged

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

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

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

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



### Finding 3.11

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 2 - Distinct (less than 3mm)  
 Information: Distinct cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Distinct cracks are generally found in older concrete paving, and may also present as a trip hazard as consequence of an uneven or curved surface.

General age and expected deterioration of the paved areas is a common cause of this

type of cracking. However, expansion and contraction of the slab may also have occurred due to environmental factors. Such factors include variable moisture and weather conditions, the presence of trees and their roots having a settling or lifting affect on the soil, or the effect of load bearing, e.g. heavy vehicles over a sustained period of time.

Cracking to this degree 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.

Repairs are likely to be required to prevent further cracking and to reduce hazards associated with cracking, such as tripping. Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous.



### Finding 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Deteriorated mortar to some areas
Information:	Mortar, or 'bedding', is the material which fills joints and intersections between bricks in masonry walls and structures. Sections of mortar in this brickwork were identified as having deteriorated, which is generally expected for a property of this age and condition.

Mortar may deteriorate as a result of age of building materials, minor movement of bricks, or frequent exposure to weathering. Mortar should be replaced to ensure that bricks remain in their intended location and to prevent gaps, which would allow water or moisture ingress and secondary damage as a result.

Mortar deterioration can be addressed by a bricklayer where areas of deterioration are localised and easily accessible. Alternatively, appointment of a registered builder is advised, to repoint large areas of decaying mortar. Where secondary structural defects have become evident, consultation with a structural engineer may be required.



### Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Building element - Damaged - Brick damaged left side
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 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Paint Finish & Hairline Cracking - To some areas
Information:	The paint finish in this area was identified as being incomplete at the time of inspection including some hairline minor cracking.

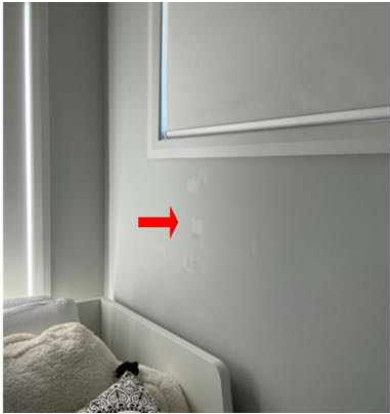
Whilst incomplete or missing paint and minor cracking and imperfections in finish is generally an appearance defect, it can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time. Incomplete areas of paint finish expose the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of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





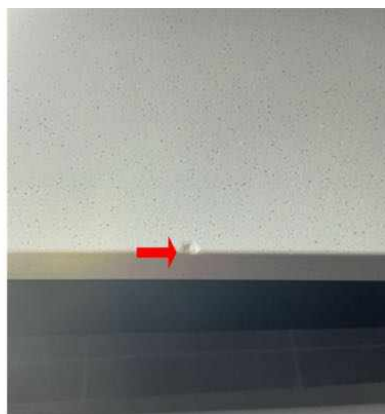


**Finding 3.15**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Internal Areas  
Finding: Building element - Damaged - Kitchen top chipped  
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.



## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

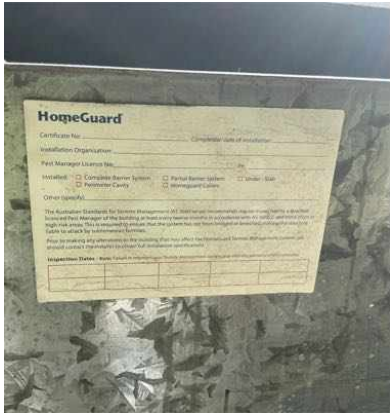
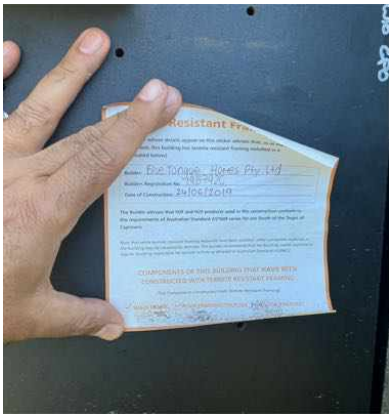
## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

### Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation
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.



**Finding 6.02**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All External Areas  
 Finding: Trees within 50m  
 Information: Trees within 50m of the property can be conducive to termite activity. It is recommended to monitor any potential signs of timber pest activity. An invasive inspection of trees with 50m to the property is recommended by a licensed timber pest technician



**Finding 6.03**

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

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

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



### Finding 6.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All External Areas
Finding:	In ground contact - Timber
Information:	Any timbers in direct ground contact provide opportunity for concealed termite entry and are likely to be subject to premature rot and decay as the soil retains moisture or damp conditions against the timbers.

Remove untreated timber that is in direct contact with external grounds. Consider replacement with more durable materials i.e. treated timber or non timber elements. Frequent pest inspections are advised to readily identify any termite activity in these areas.



### **Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

### **Evidence of wood borer activity and/or damage**

No evidence was found

## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Licensed Electrician
- Licensed Plumber
- Termite and Timber Pest Technician / Licensed Pest Controller

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

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

- The building compared to others of a similar age and construction appears to be in fair condition. It does have minor defects including some maintenance issues and observations under for your information section D significant items that will require attention and remedial maintenance. Left unmanaged some of these defects may become costly in the future and develop into more major defects over time.

The building is generally in serviceable condition, however, some moisture-related concerns, drainage limitations, and weatherproofing items were noted which may contribute to deterioration over time if not addressed. Further investigation and maintenance are recommended where applicable.

It is recommended that the client consult with the strata/Owners Corporation to confirm responsibility and ownership of any identified defects, as under the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 (NSW) certain building elements, such as external walls, roofs, ceilings, and structural components, may form part of the common property and therefore fall under strata maintenance obligations.

It is recommended to attend to the safety hazards and major defects immediately to prevent further issues where applicable.

Refer to report for details

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 was not possible and areas of furniture, stored items, insulation and garden vegetation meant some areas was obstructed.

Definition of a Major Defect (AS 4349.1-2007)

A major defect is a defect of significant magnitude where, in the inspector's opinion Rectification has to

be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility, or further deterioration of the property.

The following items are highly recommended where applicable:

- Clear any debris, garden beds, or soil covering vent or weep holes (to prevent concealed termite entry). If this is not possible, then the installation of a Chemical Termite management system is even more highly recommended. Consult a suitably qualified termite expert for further advice.
- Repair and monitor any water leaks and areas of excessive moisture.
- Connect all downpipes & guttering adequately to the stormwater (or well away from the edge of the building).
- A roofing contractor or use of a drone is advised to review the areas of the roof where the building inspector was not able to access at the time of the inspection and action any shortfalls identified within the report.
- Treat, repair, or replace any wood rot found on the property.
- Clean and flush out blocked guttering regularly.
- Connect the HWS & A/C overflows to storm water or away from the edge of the building (minimum 1m).
- Consultation with a timber pest contractor is advised.

Obstructions are as follows but not limited to and where applicable:

- Ducting to the roof space
- Insulation to the roof space
- Trusses to the roof space.
- Furniture.
- Fixed joinery.
- Vegetation.
- Floor coverings.
- Blinds/Curtains.
- Soft Furnishings.
- Pictures/Art/Frames to walls.
- Rain Water tank.
- Bins.
- Fixed ceilings to Lean to Roofs.
- Stored goods.

It is recommended to install a second manhole at a suitable location to allow for full inspection of the roof space.

The photographs included in this report are provided as visual evidence of observed conditions at the time of inspection. They are intended to be representative only, highlighting typical examples of defects or areas of concern.

#### TIMBER PEST

Regular inspections will not prevent timber pest infestation, however, they will reduce the extent of

potential damage by ensuring the infestation is detected at an early stage. Due to the significant risk of subterranean termite infestation, it is strongly recommended that a full chemical termite management system be installed at the property and that inspections in accordance with AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2:2017 are carried out at intervals not exceeding 12 months, or as otherwise recommended by the pest control company installing the system.

In an effort to identify hidden timber pest activity, a range of techniques were employed, including moisture meter readings in susceptible areas, sounding of accessible timber elements using a tapping device, and visual assessment for signs such as moisture staining, deformities, mud trails, bridging constructed by termites, and irregular or regular shaped holes in timber elements. Termite activity often generates heat and elevated moisture levels, and where these irregularities are identified, further invasive investigation is recommended.

It should be noted that termite evidence may be concealed by wall panelling, wallpaper, carpets, and fixed cabinetry, and that damage to concealed or inaccessible timbers would only be revealed by invasive means, which was outside the scope of this inspection. It is generally very difficult to locate termite nests underground, and when nests occur in trees they are usually well concealed. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that trees and stumps on site are test-drilled for the presence of termite colonies.

The following actions are considered highly important where applicable:

- No evidence of annual inspections was identified, and these should be implemented without exception.
- Remove any debris, garden beds, or soil that obstruct subfloor ventilation openings or weep holes to reduce the risk of concealed termite entry. Where clearance cannot be achieved, the installation of a chemical termite management system is strongly advised, and further guidance should be sought from a suitably qualified pest control company.
- Remove, replace, or treat all untreated timbers in direct contact with the ground.
- Repair and monitor all plumbing leaks and areas of excessive moisture.
- Ensure all downpipes and guttering are connected directly to stormwater drainage, with discharge occurring well clear of the building perimeter.
- Clean and maintain all guttering to prevent blockages and pooling water.
- Connect hot water system and air conditioning overflows into stormwater drainage or direct them at least one metre away from the building.
- Undertake regular timber pest inspections at intervals not exceeding 12 months, or as otherwise directed by the termite management system installer.

Additionally, trees located on neighbouring properties could not be inspected and may also present a potential source of termite activity.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Sheraz Rasool on: 0414614553

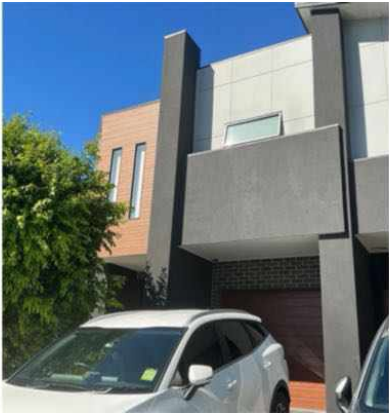
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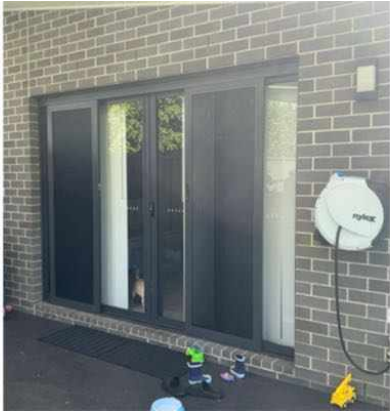
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#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: All External Areas  
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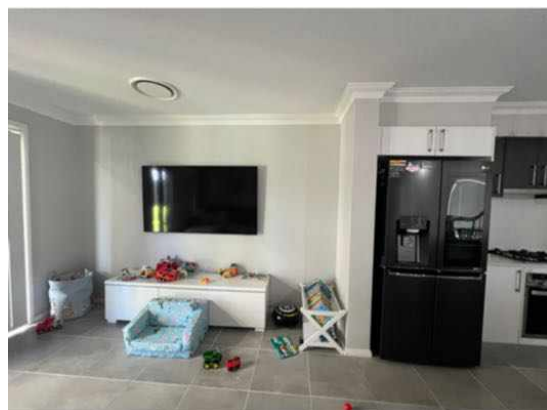


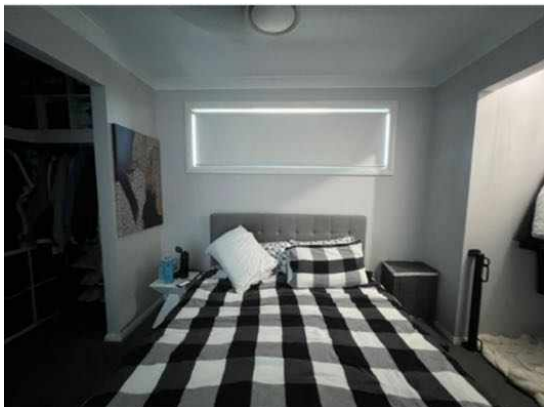




Noted Item

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### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
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**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations  
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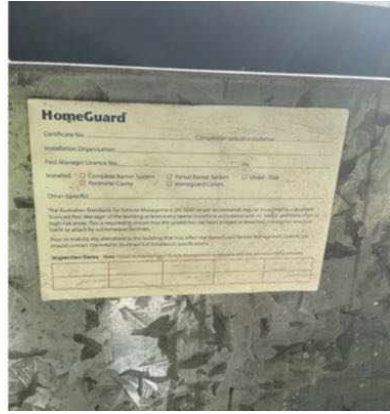
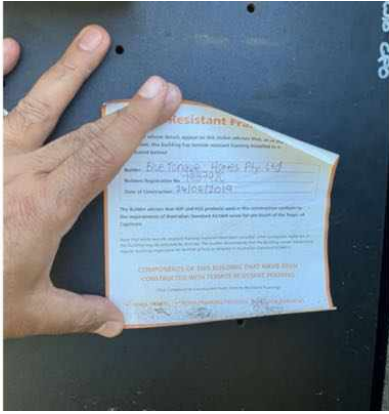
## The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program

### Noted Item

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

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

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



## Definitions to help you better understand this report

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

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

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

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

## Terms on which this report was prepared

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

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

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

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

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

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

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

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

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

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

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

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

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MOISTURE

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

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

## MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

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

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

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

### **NO CERTIFICATION**

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

### **RECTIFICATION COSTS**

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