



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2026

Property Address: 159 Waminda Ave, Campbelltown NSW  
2560, Australia



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## The Parties

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### Special conditions or instructions

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

The following apply: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of Inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
<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 some major and minor defects 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	Residential
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Brick Stumps or Piers
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	West
Other Building Elements	Driveway, Fence - Fabricated Metal Fence
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Internal Joinery, Skirting Boards, Window Frames
Roof	Tiled, Timber Framed, Pitched
Storeys	Single
Walls	Timber Framed and Clad
Weather	Overcast

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

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

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

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

### Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects, termite and timber pest activity as well as conditions conducive to both, may be

concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Appliances and equipment
- Above safe working height
- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Ceiling cavity inspection was significantly obstructed with more than 75% of the inspectable area inaccessible or obstructed by factors like lack of safe access, insulation and ducting.
- Ceiling linings
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- Evidence of remedial cleaning may result in lower levels of contaminant being detected.
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Lack of clearance - subfloor
- Lack of natural or acceptable lighting
- Mould - Health Hazard
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 75% of every room.
- Subfloor area - Limited access due to restrictive crawl space
- Suspected Asbestos Debris
- Vegetation covered approximately 25% of the area for inspection.

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

### Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

The risk of undetected defects is: **High**

When the risk of undetected defects is medium or high we strongly recommend further inspection once access is provided or if the obstruction can be removed. Contact us for further advice.

## Undetected defect risk (Timber Pest)

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## Section D Significant Items

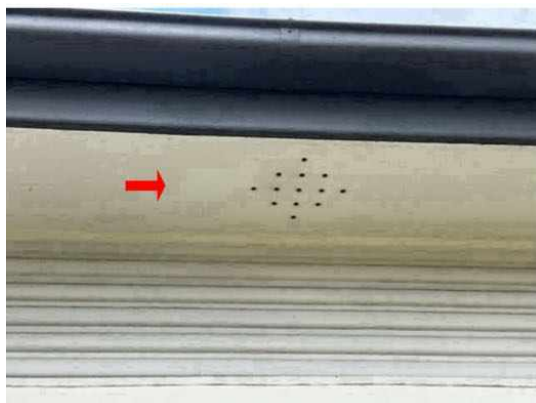
### Safety Hazard

#### Finding 1.01

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
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.











## Finding 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Mould - Present
Information:	Mold growth is present throughout the property, primarily due to inadequate ventilation. Poor airflow and moisture accumulation within the house have created ideal conditions for mold to thrive.

### ### Risk:

- **Health Hazards**: Mold growth can pose serious health risks to occupants, particularly those with allergies, asthma, or other respiratory conditions. Prolonged exposure to mold spores can cause respiratory issues, skin irritation, and other allergic reactions.
- **Structural Damage**: Mold can degrade building materials over time, leading to rot and weakening of the structural components such as timber, drywall, and insulation, which can result in costly repairs.
- **Decreased Property Value**: The presence of mold can significantly reduce the value of the property, as it indicates underlying moisture and ventilation issues that need addressing.

### ### Recommendation:

A licensed mold remediation specialist should be engaged to remove the mold and treat affected areas. In addition, a ventilation expert or builder should assess and improve the house's ventilation system, possibly installing exhaust fans, vents, or mechanical ventilation systems to ensure adequate airflow and prevent future mold growth.



## Major Defect

### Finding 2.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Cracking [Repair required]
Information:	Major cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area. Cracks of this type are likely to have been caused by minor expected movement of building elements, but may also have a structural cause that is more significant.

A crack of this size may be repaired by extensive filling. Additionally, further remedial works to associated building elements, such as eave sheeting or external door frames, is likely to be required.

A qualified bricklayer should be contacted immediately to estimate and perform repair and restoration works. Consultation with a structural engineer may be required where structural instability is found to be the underlying cause of the cracking.

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





**Finding 2.02**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Yard - Side  
Finding: Gate Detached and Damaged  
Information: The gate is observed to be detached from its original hinges and fencing post. The gate shows signs of corrosion, particularly at the base and hinge points. It is stored against the side boundary fence and is not operational. The supporting post appears bent and compromised, making reinstatement unfeasible without repair or replacement.

Risk Assessment:

- Safety Hazard: Risk of physical injury from sharp edges or falling if disturbed.

- Security Concern: Reduced security and control of access to the property.
- Ongoing Deterioration: Continued exposure to weather will likely worsen corrosion and structural integrity.

Recommendation:

Engage a licensed fencing contractor or metal fabricator to assess the extent of the damage. Repair or replacement of the gate and hinge mechanism is recommended to restore both security and aesthetic function. All works should comply with local fencing standards and guidelines.





### Finding 2.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Concrete Slab – Bowing / Deformation (AS 4349)
Information:	Bowing and deformation were observed to the exposed concrete slab edge. This condition may indicate movement, inadequate support, or deterioration over time. Further movement may occur if the underlying cause is not addressed. Assessment by a structural engineer or licensed builder is recommended to determine the cause and appropriate rectification.



### Finding 2.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Ceiling & Cornice - Cracking / Separation
Information:	Observed condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step and diagonal cracking through plaster/cornice at ceiling–wall junctions.</li> <li>• Open joints/gaps at cornice mitres and along a ceiling back-blocking/joint line.</li> <li>• Minor displacement to cornice edge; previous patching visible.</li> </ul>

Likely cause(s):

Typical building movement and differential settlement/shrink–swell (seasonal moisture, framing movement, or door-head/beam deflection at opening). Contributing factors may include inadequate fixing/back-blocking, aged compounds, or prior repairs.

Who can fix it:

- Builder to check for movement or leaks.
- Plasterer to repair joints, reset cornice, and patch cracks.
- Painter to finish.
- If ongoing movement is observed, a structural engineer may be needed.







### Finding 2.05

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Roof Void  
 Finding: Roof Void - Evidence of batten movement  
 Information: Evidence of batten movement and visible daylight through the roof covering was observed from within the roof void. Several roof battens appear to have shifted or become dislodged from their original positions.

#### Associated Risk:

This condition compromises the structural integrity of the roof, as battens are essential for supporting roof tiles or sheeting. Movement or displacement can result in roof tile

failure, leading to water ingress and potential damage to internal building elements, including insulation, ceiling linings, and electrical wiring. It also increases the risk of wind uplift or progressive roof failure in severe weather conditions.

Recommendation:

A licensed roofing contractor or qualified builder should be engaged urgently to assess the full extent of structural batten movement and carry out remedial works. This may include re-fixing or replacing battens, ensuring all roofing elements are adequately secured, and checking for any related structural damage.

Reference: This assessment is conducted in accordance with AS 4349.1-2007 – Inspection of Buildings (Pre-purchase inspections – Residential buildings),





### Finding 2.06

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Subfloor  
 Finding: Subfloor- leaking plumbing fittings  
 Information: Evidence of leaking plumbing fittings was observed within the subfloor area. Moisture staining and timber deterioration suggest prolonged water exposure from faulty pipe joints or fixtures.

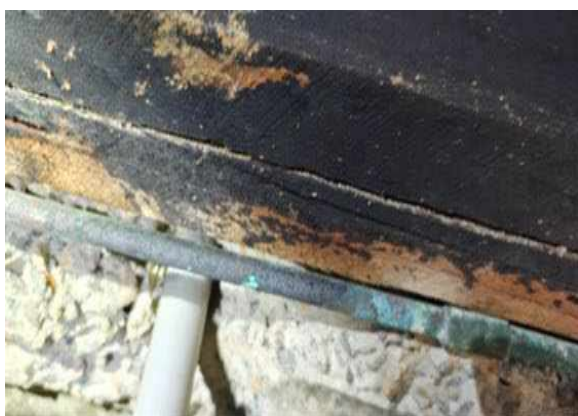
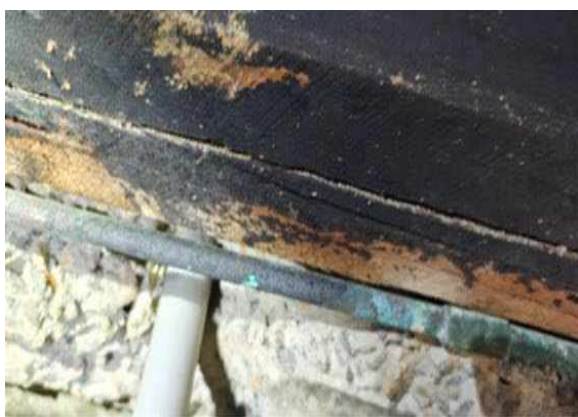
Risk:

- Structural damage to timber framing and flooring due to continuous moisture exposure.
- Mould growth and decay, posing potential health risks and further degradation of building materials.
- Pest attraction, as damp environments are conducive to termites and other pests.
- Non-compliance with plumbing standards and risk of escalation if not addressed promptly.

Who Can Fix It:

- A licensed plumber should be engaged to identify the exact source of leakage,

repair or replace faulty fittings, and confirm watertight integrity. A builder may also be required to assess and rectify any structural damage.



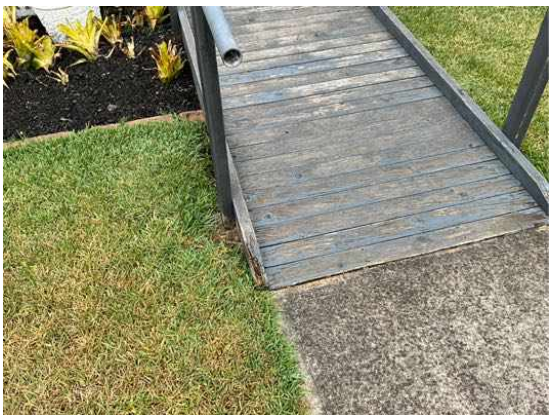
## Minor Defect

### Finding 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber - exposed to weather
Information:	External timbers that are frequently exposed to harsh weather conditions require

adequate protection in order to maintain their condition. Where timbers have not been painted or treated adequately, general deterioration is likely to occur at an accelerated rate.

If left unattended, replacement of these timbers is likely to be necessary in the short-term future. Adequate treatment of these timbers is required as soon as possible by a painting contractor or general handyman.



**Finding 3.02**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas

**Finding:** Retaining wall - Defective

**Information:** The retaining wall in this area was found to be defective at the time of inspection. Generally, defective retaining walls are caused by poor original design or material use. However, deteriorated retaining walls may also be a result of substandard construction, poor site drainage or unmanaged stormwater flows.

If left unmanaged, the retaining wall may become a safety hazard if it continues to destabilise. Where retaining walls further rot and decay, an environment is created that is conducive to termite and pest infestation.

Significant repair and replacement should be expected. Where retaining walls are considered structural walls, a structural engineer / surveyor should be consulted regarding required remedial works. Otherwise, a landscaper or retaining wall installer may be appointed to repair or replace the wall, at the discretion of the client.



### Finding 3.03

**Building:** Main Building

**Location:** All Areas

**Finding:** Perimeter - Insufficient Fall

**Information:** The perimeter ground levels were found to have an inadequate slope away from the adjoining building structure, creating potential for water pooling in this area.

Perimeter is required to fall from the building by a minimum of 25mm in the first metre and bare ground should fall away from the house by 50mm in the first meter. This standard ensures that excessive moisture does not pool around the base of building structures, which creates potential for water and structural damage, as well as making the area susceptible to termite and timber pest activity.

Where ground levels do not have adequate fall, a licensed paving contractor should be appointed to install or remove and re-level pavement.



### Finding 3.04

Building: Main Building

Location: Yard - Back  
Finding: Water pooling - poor surface drainage  
Information: Surface drainage

The paving/landscaping should direct surface water away from the building.

Surface water drainage is defective if it is not in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

Water appears to be pooling. It is suspected that this is a result of insufficient fall.

Such water pooling also increases the risk of termite activity and the development of fungal decay in the area.

Consult a Licensed Plumber regarding the cost of potential site drainage rectification works.





### Finding 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - rear
Finding:	Subsidence - Structure
Information:	It appears that the structure has been affected by movement of the foundations, often referred to as sinking or subsidence. Whilst a degree of movement is expected over time, especially as environmental conditions change and buildings 'settle' after construction, this degree of subfloor movement requires attention.

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

Subsidence can have complex and varying causes, which will influence the required remedial works. It is advised to begin by consulting a structural engineer to determine the required scope of works. This generally includes some form of underpinning, as well as addressing the underlying cause. Consultation with a geotechnical engineer may also be necessary where changes to soil moisture content is apparent.

A Registered Builder specialising in carry out works as advised by an Engineer.



### Finding 3.06

Building: Main Building

Location: All Areas

Finding: Flaky Paint

Information: Sections of the paint in this area was found to have deteriorated. Paint deteriorating is generally an indication of excessive moisture in the area that is currently hidden by the painted surface.

The presence of excessive moisture can have major implications on associated building elements if left unattended. While only seemingly minor at this stage, the damage cannot be determined due to the paint, obstructing any further inspection of the damage.

It is highly advised that the affected paint to be cleaned to allow a further, more invasive inspection by a licensed builder/painter. Failure to act on this defect may necessitate major works in the future.





**Finding 3.07**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Bedroom 3  
Finding: Poor workmanship  
Information: The structure exhibits signs of poor workmanship, evident in various aspects of construction and finishing.

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

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





### Finding 3.08

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Bathroom  
 Finding: Heating light in exhaust fan not working / operating  
 Information: "The heating light in the exhaust fan is not operating, failing to provide the intended heating function."

The lack of heating can lead to discomfort, especially in colder environments, and may compromise the functionality of the exhaust fan, impacting its ability to regulate air quality effectively.

Resolution:

A qualified electrician or HVAC technician can fix the issue by inspecting the heating element, wiring, and controls to identify and repair any faults or damages.



### Finding 3.09

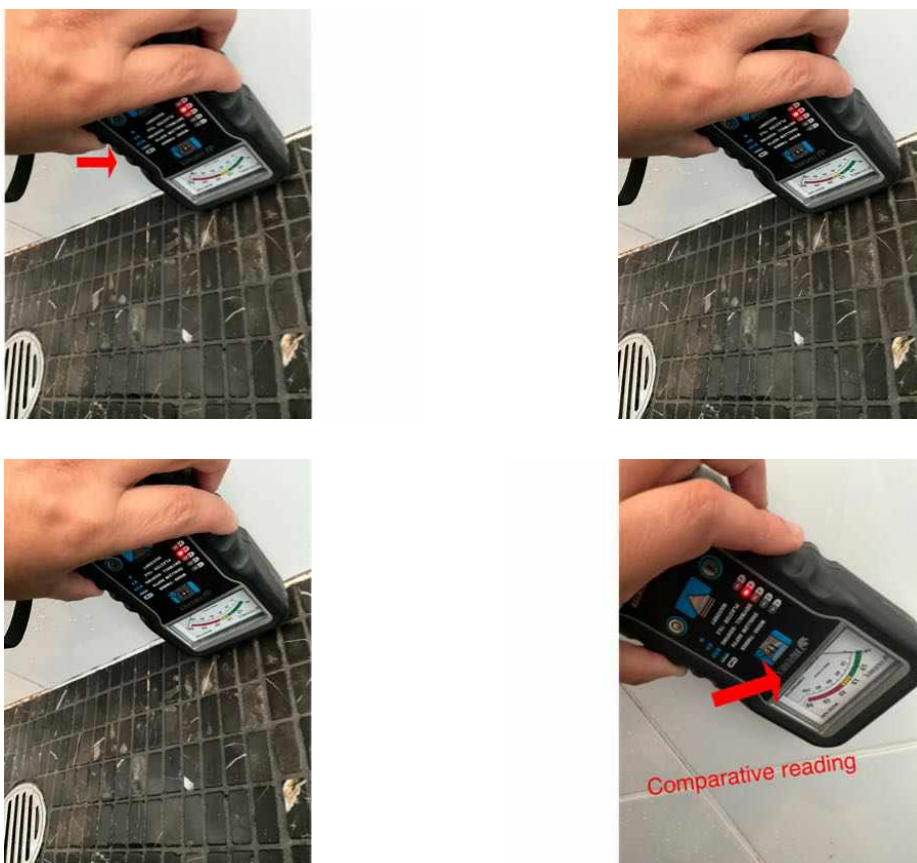
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Shower - Damp
Information:	Damp is evident to the lower 300mm of wall to the shower alcove. This defect is quite common, and is suspected to have been caused by moisture permeating through the grouting in this area, which shows evidence of deterioration.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

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

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

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

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



### Finding 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Bathroom
Finding:	Shower base - Water pooling
Information:	Evidence of water pooling around the floor waste in the shower recess was noticed at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this excessive moisture is attributed to insufficient fall in the shower floor tiles.

This pooling is minor overall but is still considered unsatisfactory, as standard tiling practices would not permit this situation to occur. Pooling water around floor wastes can create a slip hazard in extreme cases and create conditions that are conducive to mould growth over time. Where left unmanaged, the degradation of sealant and grouting is also likely to occur, possibly necessitating further repair works.

Remedial works may involve some sections of tiling and flooring repair and replacement. A tiling contractor or bathroom specialist should be appointed to provide further advice on reparation options and to perform works as necessary.



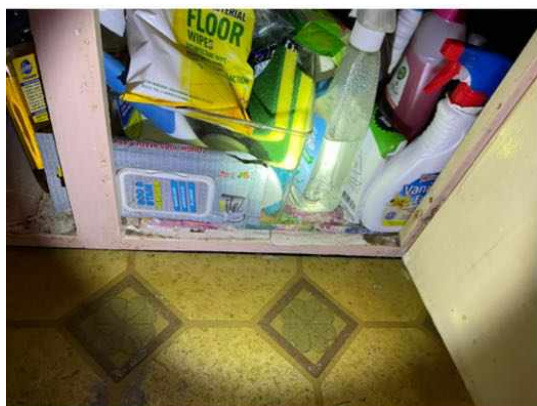
### Finding 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Water damage / Vanity
Information:	"The vanity in the shower area has sustained water damage, resulting in swelling and discoloration of the wood, as well as potential structural issues. This damage compromises both the aesthetic and functional aspects of the vanity."

To fix this issue, you should consider contacting a professional:

1. **Carpenter or Woodworker:** They can assess and repair the damage to the vanity, potentially replacing any irreparable parts.
2. **Plumber:** If the water damage is due to plumbing issues, a plumber can fix leaks and ensure there are no further water-related problems.
3. **General Contractor:** If the damage is extensive and affects the surrounding area, a general contractor can coordinate the repair work, including both the vanity and any related structural or cosmetic repairs.

Make sure to obtain quotes from these professionals to determine the most cost-effective and efficient solution for your specific situation.



### Finding 3.12

Building: Main Building

Location: Kitchen

Finding: Grouting - Missing or damaged

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

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

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



### Finding 3.13

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Evidence of excessive moisture - Drywall
Information:	Excessive moisture is present at the time of , indicating a potential water leakage issue within the wall.

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

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



Finding 3.14

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

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

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





## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

### Finding 5.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Fencing
Finding:	Suspected - Timber pest damage
Information:	Despite no live termite or timber pest activity being indicated, suspected previous timber pest damage was found to have affected this area. This damage is considered to be inactive at the time of inspection.

It is advised that the area be visually inspected frequently to ensure that the condition of affected building materials does not worsen.

A licensed pest controller must be appointed to provide a further invasive inspection.



Finding 5.02

Building: Main Building  
Location: Subfloor  
Finding: Termite damage detected in the subfloor  
Information: Termite damage has been detected in the subfloor, compromising the structural integrity of the building's foundation.

The presence of termite damage increases the risk of further structural deterioration, weakening the subfloor and potentially causing instability in the entire structure. If left unaddressed, this may lead to severe structural issues, compromising safety and necessitating extensive repairs.

A licensed pest control professional should conduct a thorough inspection to assess the extent of termite damage. Subsequently, a qualified contractor experienced in subfloor repairs should be engaged to address and rectify the damage. Swift action is crucial to prevent further harm and ensure the long-term stability of the building.





## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

### Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Timber on ground / conducive conditions to termite damage
Information:	Timber on the ground is indeed conducive to termite damage. Termites are known to thrive in moist environments, and wood in contact with soil or moisture is more susceptible to infestation.

To prevent this, it's important to keep timber elevated and away from direct ground contact. Regular inspections and proper termite control measures are also essential to protect your wooden structures from termite damage.





Finding 6.02

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: Dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation  
Information: The presence of dense vegetation around a property can increase the risk of termite infestation, as it provides a conducive environment for them. To address this, consider maintaining a clear space between the vegetation and your home. If you suspect a termite issue, it's advisable to consult with a licensed pest control professional for inspection and treatment.





### Finding 6.03

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

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

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

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



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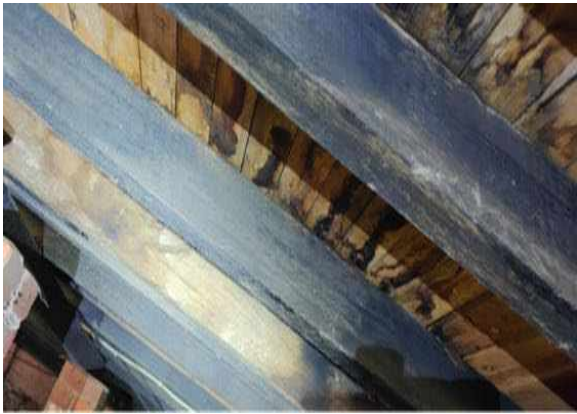
Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor - poor ventilation, inadequate site drainage, water stains

Information: The subfloor lacks adequate ventilation, suffers from inadequate site drainage, exhibits water stains, creating conducive conditions for timber pests such as termites.

Risk: The combination of poor ventilation, inadequate drainage, water stains significantly increases the risk of timber pest infestations. Termites are attracted to moist environments and can thrive in subfloors with high humidity levels and water damage. The lack of proper ventilation and drainage exacerbates moisture retention, providing an ideal habitat for timber pests to establish colonies and cause extensive damage to the subfloor structure. Additionally, water stains indicate previous or ongoing moisture issues, which further attract timber pests and contribute to the deterioration of timber materials.

A licensed pest control professional specializing in timber pest management should be consulted to assess the extent of the infestation and develop a comprehensive treatment plan. They can implement strategies to eliminate existing timber pests, such as termites and prevent future infestations by addressing underlying moisture issues. Additionally, a qualified plumber or builder may be needed to improve subfloor ventilation, enhance site drainage, repair water-damaged areas. Regular inspections and maintenance are essential to ensure ongoing protection against timber pests and maintain the structural integrity of the subfloor.





## Evidence of fungal decay activity and/or damage

### Finding 7.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Wood rot
Information:	This building element shows evidence of wood rot. Wood rot, also known as Fungal Decay, occurs when timbers and other cellulose building materials are exposed to damp conditions on an ongoing basis. This could be the result of exposure to weathering over a prolonged period of time, or the attraction of excessive moisture from other abutting building materials. Contributing factors also include poor air ventilation in the area.

Wood rot is often associated with general damp problems and is evidenced by a 'musty' smell or mould and mildew occurring on surfaces. If left unmanaged, damp conditions can lead to further health problems and the decay of timbers will continue.

Early intervention and regular maintenance, particularly of exterior timbers, will prolong the useful life of these building elements. Prior to any works being performed, the cause of the moisture that has created the visible wood rot should be identified and addressed in a suitable manner. Replacement of affected timbers may then be a necessary step in protecting surrounding building elements from such deterioration.

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





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

No evidence was found

## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- As identified in summary and defect statements
- Licensed Plumber
- Mould Remediation Specialist
- Registered/Licensed Builder
- Registered Roofing Contractor
- Structural Engineer
- 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

- **\*\*Building Inspection Conclusion\*\***

A Building and Timber Pest Inspection was conducted on this property.

The following observations and recommendations have been made:

- A durable notice was placed in the switchboard unit to indicate the presence of termite barrier, however Termite damage was detected at the property during the inspection.

It is essential that the client seeks further information from the vendor or real estate agent regarding the condition and maintenance of the termite management systems. Alternatively, advice should be sought from a licensed pest controller to verify if the conditions were maintained as per the label.

- Conducive conditions for timber pest infestation were observed and detailed in the body of the report. To minimize the risk of timber pest infestation, the following recommendations should be adhered to:

1. Conduct visual pest inspections every six to twelve months.
2. Ensure that air conditioning (AC) and hot water system (HWS) overflows are connected to nearby downpipes and drain points, if applicable.
3. Treat any tree stumps in the immediate area with an approved termiticide and have them certified by a licensed pest technician.

4. Remove loose timbers or stored items in contact with the ground in the subfloor area (if applicable) and around the dwelling perimeter to prevent potential timber pest infestation.
5. Investigate areas of ground dampness and have them treated by a licensed plumber or damp-proofing specialist, especially in areas with inadequate subfloor ventilation.

- The application of a post-construction chemical or physical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties. For slab-on-ground constructions, a 75mm perimeter visual barrier should be maintained to ensure effective termite prevention and to avoid concealed entry points. If this visual barrier is obstructed, a more invasive follow-up termite inspection is recommended to rule out termite or timber pest presence.

- Termite barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attacks on timber building elements. A durable notice should always be placed in the meter box, detailing the treatment method used and the date of the application.

- A full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 should be carried out every six to twelve months. Regular inspections do not stop timber pest attacks but help limit the extent of damage by detecting issues early.

At the time of inspection, the clad dwelling was found to be in fair condition when compared to other buildings of a similar age. However, several **\*\*Major and minor defects\*\*** were identified in the report.

Significant items requiring immediate attention have been noted and will require relevant professional services to clarify and perform further works. While some maintenance items may seem minor at present, they have the potential to escalate into major issues if left unaddressed.

Several obstructions impeded the inspection, and it is recommended that these be removed, followed by a further inspection to ensure a more thorough assessment of the property.

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

### Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

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











**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: Exterior walls - left side  
 Finding: Evidence of Termite Management System - Durable notice / Legible Sticker - seek further information  
 Information: The application of a pre & post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice placed in the switchboard unit to indicate termite barriers at the time of inspection.

Client must seek further information from the vendor or real estate agent if the conditions of termite management systems were maintained as per the label or seek advise from licensed pest controller.





## Definitions to help you better understand this report

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

	out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act. This term is used as a grouping term to include all substances screened for, specifically: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDA and MDMA.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 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.