



# Building and Timber Pest Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Wed, 4 Mar 2026

Property Address: 20 Ravenswood Rise, Bella Vista NSW 2153, Australia



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

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## The Parties

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## 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:

## 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 excellent condition with some minor defects found.

### 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, Detached
Company or Strata title	No
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	5
Occupied	Occupied
Orientation	South East
Other Building Elements	Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Footpath, Pool, Retaining Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Doors, Floorboards, Door Frames, Deck, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Architraves, External Joinery, Skirting Boards, Staircase
Roof	Pitched, Timber Framed, Corrugated Iron (e.g. Colourbond)
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer (Timber Framed)
Weather	Fine

## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Exterior of Pool Fencing
- Interior
- Interior of Pool Fencing
- Gardens
- Pool Surrounds
- Roof Exterior - Part
- Fencing
- Roof Void - Part
- The Site
- Trees
- Wall Exterior

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

### Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection.
- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- 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:

- Areas of low roof pitch preventing full inspection
- Appliances and equipment
- Ceiling linings
- External finished ground level
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Duct work
- Furniture
- Fixed ceilings
- Sarking
- Stored items
- Wall linings

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

### Undetected defect risk (Building)

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

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

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

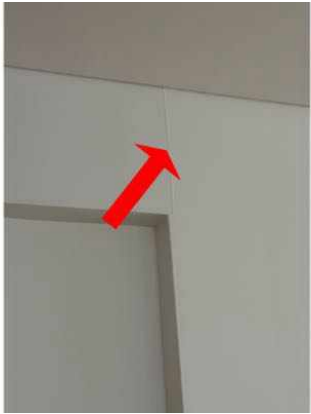
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Internal Areas
Finding:	Fine Cracking to Skirtings, Architraves, Cornice, Ceilings
Information:	Fine cracking was observed to corner junctions of skirting boards, architraves, cornices and some ceilings throughout the dwelling.

The cracking appears minor in nature and is commonly associated with normal building movement, settlement, material shrinkage, or minor seasonal expansion and contraction of finishes.

At the time of inspection, no significant distortion or major structural concern was evident; however, the cracking affects the cosmetic finish of the internal linings.

I recommend to Seal, patch and repaint affected areas as part of routine maintenance. Monitor for any progression or widening of cracking which may warrant further assessment if changes are observed.





Finding 3.02

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Path LHS  
 Finding: Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 0 - Hairline (less than 1mm)  
 Information: Hairline cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Hairline cracks are very minor in nature and generally are only ever an appearance defect. To be classified as a Category 0 or hairline crack, the crack width would be less than 0.3mm. While such cracking may be noticeable in some cases, it is common and does not indicate any structural damage.

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

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

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



### Finding 3.03

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Path LHS  
 Finding: Paving - Uneven/Grout Missing  
 Information: At the time of inspection, some external concrete pavers were found to be loose underfoot, and cracking was observed within the grout joints between adjacent pavers. Loose paving and deteriorated grout can allow movement of the pavers, increase the likelihood of further cracking, and may create a potential trip hazard. In addition, open or cracked joints can allow water to penetrate beneath the paving, which may lead to further movement or deterioration of the base material over time.

It is recommended that the affected pavers be lifted where necessary, the base

preparation checked and reinstated as required, and the pavers reset and re-grouted to restore stability and prevent further deterioration. Repairs should be carried out by a suitably qualified contractor.



### Finding 3.04

Building: Main Building

Location: Bathroom

Finding: Tiles - Cracked

Information: At the time of inspection, one wall tile located at the upper corner of the bathroom doorway, and one tile to the side of the vanity unit were found to be cracked. This type of cracking is typically minor and is commonly caused by slight building movement over time. While it is not considered a major defect, the damaged tile should be replaced to maintain the condition and appearance of the tiled surface.



### Finding 3.05

Building: Main Building

Location: Garden Bed

Finding: Retaining Wall–Minor Crack

Information: At the time of inspection, a minor crack was observed to the top section of the cement-rendered brick retaining wall forming the garden bed. This type of cracking is commonly associated with minor movement or normal shrinkage in rendered surfaces over time.

While the defect appears minor at present, it is recommended that the crack be sealed and the render repaired to prevent moisture ingress and to maintain the overall condition and appearance of the wall. Repairs should be carried out by a suitably qualified tradesperson if required.



## Live Timber Pest Activity

No evidence was found

## Timber Pest Damage

No evidence was found

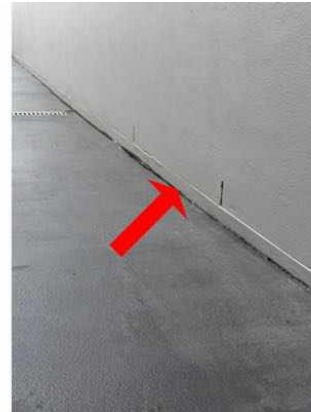
## Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Activity

### Finding 6.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas- slab edge
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 6.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Downpipes
Finding:	Downpipe(s)-not connected
Information:	The roof plumbing is not adequately connected to stormwater drainage on the site. This disconnection negatively impacts the functional capacity of the roof plumbing.

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

It is highly recommended that a plumber be appointed to further inspect the area and to connect all downpipes adequately as soon as possible.



### Finding 6.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Hot Water/AC units
Finding:	Overflows not plumbed to drainage
Information:	The overflow is not plumbed or connected to suitable drainage, which has resulted in the surrounding area becoming excessively damp.

These damp conditions can lead to secondary defects such as rot, rust or corrosion of associated building elements, the formation of fungal decay, or even the creation of potential slip hazards. When coupled with poor site drainage, pooling of water may also attract termite activity to this area.

It is highly recommended that a qualified plumber be appointed to install adequate drainage to the overflow. These works will ensure that the area remains dry and free of any secondary defects.



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

No evidence was found

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

No evidence was found

## Section D Significant Items

### D4 Further Inspections

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

- Licensed Plumber
- Licensed Electrician
- 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

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The house is in excellent condition when compared to houses of a similar age.

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

The bathrooms and kitchen are in excellent condition overall.

The purchaser should ensure the pool has a compliance certificate.

All external brickwork is in good condition with no discernible cracking.

The roof exterior is in good condition with expected weathering.

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

The HWS appeared to be in good condition at the time of inspection.

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

There were NO safety issues and NO major defects found, some minor defects were noted at the time of inspection.

SAFETY HAZARDS: NIL

MAJOR DEFECTS: NIL

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

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

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

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

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

There was NO evidence of previous termite activity in the house. There is however some conducive issues and concerns that will require rectification to ensure no termite activity or hidden entry can go unnoticed.

A thermal imaging inspection was carried out throughout the interior of the house using a Flir MR 277 thermal camera. No thermal anomalies were noted that would be consistent with any current termite activity.

\*Overflows should be plumbed to drainage.

\*Be aware that stored items and insulation can limit the inspectable areas and may hide defects.

\*Further invasive inspections are always recommended.

I highly recommend an approved barrier treatment be installed. It is strongly recommended that a full inspection to AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2 be carried out at least once every 12 months. Regular inspections DO NOT stop timber pest attack, but are designed to limit the amount of damage that may occur by detecting problems early.

Please be aware that the absence of visual termite activity does not exclude termites from being hidden on the property. Regular inspections and rectification of all conducive conditions is recommended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Tom Simovic on: 0404 857 099

## Section D Significant Items

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

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Areas  
 Finding: Subterranean Termite Prevention Proposal  
 Information: A proposal in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660.2 to aid the management of the risk of future subterranean termite access to buildings and structures.

Such a proposal is recommended to all properties that have a condition/s that may be conducive to termite or timber pest activity. The prevention of such infestations is far easier to manage than the management of live termite activity on the property.

Preventative measures may include the post-construction installation of a chemical termite barrier or the prevention of excess moisture in high risk areas

#### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Internal Areas  
 Finding: For your information-Thermal camera  
 Information: AS 3660.2:2017 is the recommendation for the carrying out of 'Additional Tests' using specialist non-destructive tools:

A thermal imaging inspection was carried out throughout the interior of the house using a Flir MR277 thermal camera. No thermal anomalies were noted that would be consistent with any current termite activity, however various factors must be taken into effect which may hamper or impede the reading obtainable by the imager. These factors include obstructions, ambient temperature, wall material and thickness etc. If any surface is restricted visually or otherwise, a proper thermal reading is not possible and is not within the scope of this inspection. Any findings or otherwise is reported on at the time of the inspection only.



### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations-Roof Void
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations that impeded the full inspection of the roof cavity at the time of inspection. Note that the insulation covered nearly all the ceiling joists, which are a major structural element of the ceiling; the inspection was also limited to areas with an allowable crawl space of 600mm x 600mm, in particular towards the external walls where the roof line diminishes, it was not accessible. These obstructions and limitations can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow a full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is

recommended once areas are made accessible.



### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Internal Areas
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations-Internal areas
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the internal areas at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow a full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.



### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	External Areas/Sub-Floor
Finding:	Obstructions and Limitations-External Areas/Sub-Floor
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the external areas/subfloor at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.



## Noted Item

Building: Main Building

Location: All Showers

Finding: Shower/s Condition

Information: At the time of inspection, the showers within the dwelling flood tested, checked for signs of leakage and tested for elevated moisture readings in the surrounding wall and floor areas. No visible leaks, moisture intrusion, or abnormal moisture readings were detected during the inspection, and the shower areas appeared to be performing satisfactorily at that time.

However, it should be noted that the waterproofing systems to shower areas are concealed behind tiles and wall linings and cannot be directly inspected during a visual building inspection. As such, it is not possible to confirm whether the waterproofing has been installed in full compliance with current standards.

Based on the observations made at the time of inspection, no defects were evident and the showers appeared to be functioning as intended. Ongoing monitoring and regular maintenance of seals and grout are recommended to help prevent future water ingress.





Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Roof Exterior  
Finding: FYI-Roofing Condition  
Information:

At the time of inspection, the roofing visible from accessible areas were visually assessed and appeared to be in generally good condition. No significant damage, displacement, or defects were noted to the roof sheeting or flashings that were observable during the inspection.

It should be noted that a building inspection is limited to a visual assessment only, and not all areas of the roof may be safely accessible or visible at the time of inspection. As such, the long-term performance of the roof covering cannot be guaranteed.

Based on the observations made during the inspection, the roofing appeared to be serviceable and performing as intended at the time of assessment. Regular maintenance and periodic roof inspections are recommended to help ensure the roof covering continues to perform effectively over time.





## Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	FYI-Moisture Readings
Information:	Moisture readings taken during the inspection were recorded using a FLIR MR277 moisture meter, which provides numerical values rather than direct percentage readings. These values are not expressed as a percentage of moisture content but rather as relative indicators of moisture presence within building materials. Each material-such as plasterboard, timber, tile or concrete wall surfaces -has its own baseline range of ambient moisture, and the meter's readings reflect deviations from that baseline.

For example, plasterboard in dry, internal areas may typically register between 10-30 points, while ceramic tiles in bathrooms may show 30-50 points due to their density and surface retention. These numbers are used comparatively in critical areas (e.g, near windows, wall bases, or wet zones) and are assessed against these baselines to identify elevated moisture ingress.

The FLIR MR277 uses both pin and pinless sensors, along with thermal imaging, to detect hidden moisture anomalies. Its readings are designed to highlight relative changes rather than provide absolute moisture percentages. This approach is particularly effective in building diagnostics, as it allows for non-invasive detection of moisture trends across different substrates.

In short, while percentages are familiar, the meters numeric scale offers a more nuanced and material - sensitive method of identifying moisture issues. Elevated readings – especially those exceeding baseline values by around 20 points or more – are flagged for further investigation, even if no visible damage is present.



### Noted Item

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

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

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

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





Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
Location: Site Drainage  
Finding: FYI-Site Drainage  
Information: Site drainage appears to be acceptable at the time of inspection, however the site/yard should be monitored during heavy rain to determine whether the existing drains can cope. If it appears that they cannot cope, then additional drains may be required.

The general adequacy of site drainage is not included in the standard property inspection report. Comments on surface water drainage are limited as where there may have been either little or no rainfall for a period of time, surface water drainage may appear to be adequate during the inspection but then during periods of heavy rain may be found to be inadequate.

Any comments made in this section are relevant only in light of the conditions present at the time of inspection. It is recommended that a smoke test be obtained to determine any illegal connections, blocked or broken drains.





**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: Plumbing/electrical/gas/aircon/pool equipment etc  
Finding: FYI-Plumbing and Electrical  
Information: Plumbing and Electrical inspections are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a licensed and registered trades person.

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

We recommend all other installations be checked also.

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







**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: All Internal tiling  
 Finding: FYI-Internal Tiling  
 Information: All internal floor tiling was in good condition with no obvious cracking or drummy tiling identified.



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Smoke Detectors

Finding: FYI-Smoke Detectors and Alarms  
 Information: Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

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

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices. Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

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

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



### Noted Item

Building: Main Building  
 Location: Hot Water System  
 Finding: FYI-Hot Water Unit  
 Information: The HWS appeared to be in good condition at the time of inspection. For the date of manufacture - (see attached photo)

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



**Noted Item**

Building: Main Building  
Location: All Areas  
Finding: FYI-Additional Photos  
Information: Additional photos are provided for your general reference and may include obstructions, testing of water and windows, moisture readings or minor maintenance items.

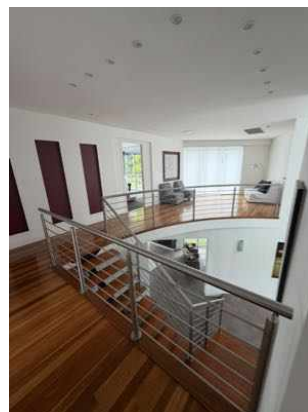












## The following items were noted as - Evidence of a previous termite management program

### Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Electrical meter box
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.