



Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2026

Property Address: 3/1 Merrilong St, Ringwood East VIC 3135,
Australia



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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 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).

Original Inspection Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2026

Modified Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2026

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
Safety Hazard		✓
Major Defect	✓	
Minor Defect	✓	

Overall Condition

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

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	Unknown
Floor	Concrete Stumps, Suspended Timber Frame
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Driveway
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Door Frames, Deck, Architraves, Doors, Skirting Boards, Floorboards, Staircase
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Single
Walls	Rendered
Weather	Overcast

Section C Accessibility

Areas Inspected

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

- Exterior
- Interior

The inspection excludes areas which are affected by obstructions or where access is limited or unsafe. We do not move obstructions and building defects may not be obvious unless obstructions or unsafe conditions are removed to provide access.

Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Ceiling Cavity - Part.
- Subfloor - Part.

Any areas which are inaccessible at the time of inspection present a high risk for undetected building defects. The client is strongly advised to make arrangements to access inaccessible areas urgently wherever possible.

Obstructions and Limitations

Building defects may be concealed by the following obstructions which prevented full inspection:

- Debris in gutters
- Decking
- Duct work
- Evidence of recently painted walls or ceilings
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Furniture
- Floor coverings
- Insulation

- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.
- Subfloor was obscured due to poor clearance and obstructions. Less than 50% of the inspectable area was accessible.

The presence of obstructions increases the risk of undetected defects. The client should make arrangement to remove obstructions where ever possible and re-inspect these areas as a matter of urgency. See also overall risk rating for undetected defects.

Undetected defect risk

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 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

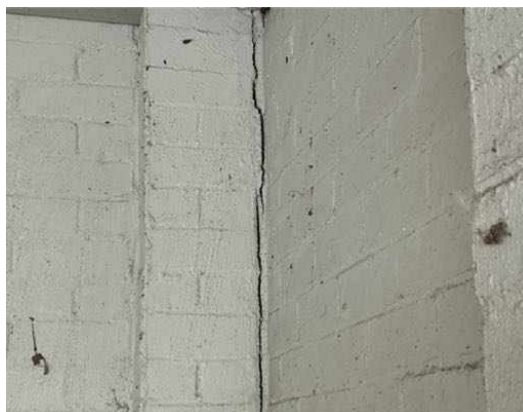
Defects 2.01

Building: Garage
Location: Garage
Finding: Brickwork - Step cracking
Information: Step cracking was identified to the brickwork in this area at the time of inspection. Step cracking, which is similar to other forms of cracking, has a variety of possible causes. However, the most common is the subsidence of adjacent footings.

Step cracking is a relatively common defect, and is most likely to occur adjacent to windows, doors and other openings. Mortar failure in the gaps between affected bricks indicates the stresses and tensions affecting the wall.

Where step cracking is extensive or severe, the client is advised to consult a structural engineer. Minor step cracking can be used as a warning sign to address factors causing stress to the wall, which can include the effect of surrounding trees, water leaks, soil erosion, or even the presence of reactive soils in the surrounding area.





Defects 2.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Shower - Leaking
Information:	Leaking was evident to the shower area at the time of inspection as shown in photos with the moisture meter. It is suspected that the leaking has occurred as a result of general ageing of the building elements.

Leaking from the shower base, where left unattended, is likely to lead to water damage to adjoining flooring and walls. Leaking can lead to water damage and necessitate extensive remedial works being required. Active water leaks may also create an environment that is susceptible to the formation and development of mould.

Appointment of a tiling contractor is required to replace the shower the bathroom waterproofing and tiling. Such works should be performed as soon as possible to ensure that no further damage occurs.



Minor Defect

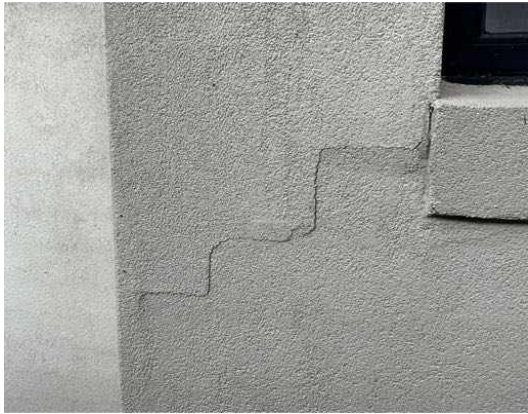
Defects 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Brickwork - Step cracking
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Defects 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Rear Elevation
Finding:	Perimeter Paving - Insufficient Fall
Information:	The perimeter paving or ground levels were found to have an inadequate slope away from the adjoining building structure, creating potential for water pooling in this area.

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



Defects 3.03

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Subfloor
Finding:	Subfloor - Debris
Information:	An array of debris was found in the subfloor area at the time of inspection. Debris in this area restricts subfloor ventilation and creates potential for concealed pest entry. Stored timbers and other materials may also make the area susceptible to termite activity and wood rot.

A clear and empty subfloor will be better ventilated and easier to maintain in a dry condition. The removal of any timber debris is vital in minimising the risk of termite or wood borer activity.

Debris in the subfloor should be removed as soon as possible. Depending on the location and amount of debris and stored items, the homeowner may elect to undertake this task. Alternatively there are a large number of rubbish removal subcontractors that could undertake these works.



Defects 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Windows
Finding:	Windows- stiff to open
Information:	The windows to this area was difficult to operate at the time of inspection.

Windows provide ventilation and exits to the adjoining area and should be at a fully operational level to ensure user comfort and safety. Restricted function may also pose as a potential safety hazard if required for emergency egress from the building.

Generally, factors such as general age of the building element and a lack of maintenance are the usual causes for this type of defect.

Replacement of windows running hardware may be required, as well as minor repairs and cleaning. A registered builder or general handy person will be required to repair the windows



Defects 3.05

Building: Main Building

Location: Fencing

Finding: Fencing - Deteriorated

Information: It was noted at the time of inspection that sections of the fencing throughout the property have deteriorated. Typically fencing deteriorates due to age and or wear, rot and or rust which is generally expected for a structure of this age, due to prolonged exposure to weather conditions. Sometimes inadequate installation or maintenance can be to blame.

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

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





Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Building element - Not operating left rear igniter to stove top
Information:	Non-operational items should be addressed to ensure that the full function of the building structure is available. Where some building elements are not operating as intended, it is possible that secondary building defects could arise due to their non-operation.

Repair and/or replacement of the faulty building element is recommended. It is highly recommended that the relevant tradesperson be engaged to perform any necessary works.



Defects 3.07

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Cracks to render - Category 2
Information:	It has been observed that cracking to rendered surfaces has occurred. The degree of damage falls within Category 2, described as noticeable cracks which are easily filled. Cracking of this size are generally less than 5mm in width.

Category 2 damage is required to be monitored for a period of 12 months. After the monitoring period, a crack rated at Category 2 or above is considered a defect requiring rectification.

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





Defects 3.08

Building: Main Building
Location: Toilet (WC)
Finding: Toilet - Continually running
Information: At the time of inspection, the toilet showed evidence of continually running.

It is highly advised that this be addressed by a licensed plumber as soon as possible.



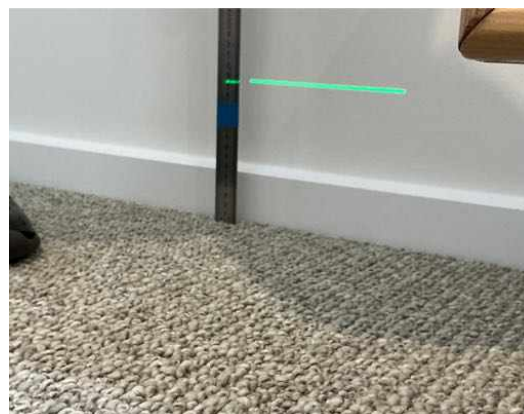
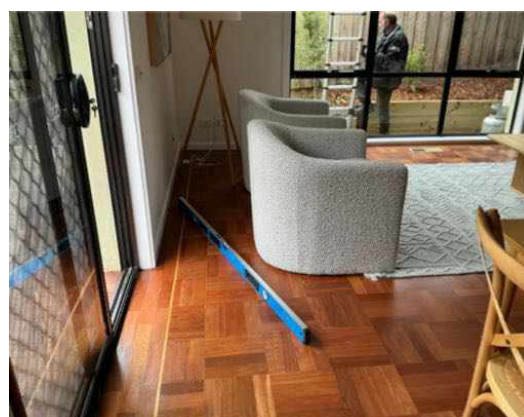
Defects 3.09

Building: Main Building

Location: Family Room
 Finding: Flooring - Uneven
 Information: The internal flooring in this area is out of level and uneven. Uneven flooring is likely to indicate minor defects such as expected movement of the foundations of the property, but may also indicate subsidence of the associated subfloor stumps.

It is advised that the flooring be closely monitored to identify any further movement. Where flooring remains relatively unchanged for an extended period of time (i.e. several months), it is likely that this defect has been caused by expected movement of the foundations of the property.

However, where flooring is uneven further, potentially invasive inspection of the subfloor structures and stumps in this area is required. In this case, works to repair are likely to be required, and would be carried out by a registered builder specialising in re-stumping.



Defects 3.10

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Exterior
 Finding: Gutters - Blocked
 Information: Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to

pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely to subsequently flood eaves and exterior walls.

Where gutter guard is installed regular maintenance should include cleaning out any debris which may rest on top of or filter through the gutter guard.

Blocked gutters are likely to lead to high levels of moisture in the affected areas. Such moisture will not only cause rust and decay of the associated building materials, but can also provide conditions that are conducive to termite and timber pest activity. Blockages in gutters should therefore be removed immediately to ensure dry conditions are maintained.

Consult a Licensed Plumber for further specific advice on remedial works that may be required. In the interim, it is highly advised that blocked gutters be removed by the homeowner or a general handyperson as a matter of urgency.



Defects 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Cornice - Cracking
Information:	The cornice has separated and cracking is apparent in this area.

This area should be carefully monitored to identify any further damage.



Defects 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Door - Binding/jamming
Information:	Binding and/or jamming of this door is evident during standard operation. This defect inhibits the functionality of the affected door as well as creating potential for secondary defects to associated building elements, such as damage to the floor covering.

A door that binds to flooring or to the associated door frame may have several causes, ranging from minor defects, such as poor installation of the door or deteriorated hinges, through to major structural issues, such as damage to subfloor structures.

Where several doors are binding/jamming it may indicate major structural issues, a registered builder specialising in re-stumping should be appointed to provide an estimate on the cost of rectification.

For minor causes, a qualified carpenter or general handyman should be appointed to perform minor rectification works at client discretion.



Defects 3.13

Building: Main Building
Location: Ensuite - Master
Finding: Grout - Missing
Information: Grout is missing in this area. Grout is used to protect gaps and crevices in building materials to ensure that they are water-tight and prevent water penetration to the associated structures.

Where grout is missing, a tiling contractor should be appointed immediately to apply grout and re-apply any silicone where necessary. Failure to do so is likely to lead to water damage to the surrounding area.





Defects 3.14

Building: Main Building

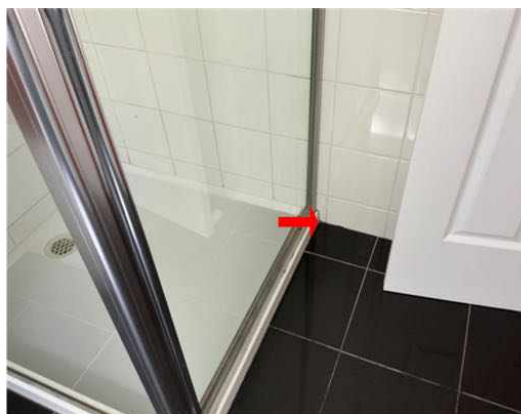
Location: Bathroom

Finding: Grout - Missing

Information: Grout is missing in this area. Grout is used to protect gaps and crevices in building materials to ensure that they are water-tight and prevent water penetration to the associated structures.

Where grout is missing, a tiling contractor should be appointed immediately to apply grout and re-apply any silicone where necessary. Failure to do so is likely to lead to water damage to the surrounding area.

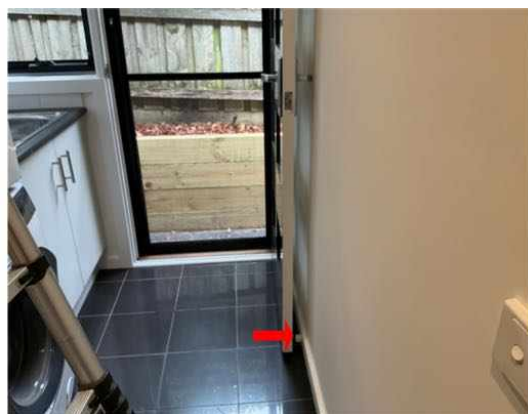




Defects 3.15

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Door stop - Missing
Information:	The door stop is missing or is inadequate to stop the door handle from damaging the wall. Although some building elements may seem irrelevant or unnecessary, all building elements play a key role in the operation and function of the overall structure and its performance.

Re-installation or replacement of the door stop is advised as soon as possible to prevent any subsequent damage to the door or associated structures. A general handyman may be appointed to perform these works at client discretion.



Defects 3.16

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Laundry
Finding:	Windows not sealed
Information:	Due to frequent exposure to weather conditions and subsequent moisture, windows should be sealed to all edges.

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

It is recommended that all deteriorated windows are sealed by a general handyman or sealant expert to prevent any damage and to restore the window to a fully functional level.



Defects 3.17

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Tiles - Cracked or damaged
Information:	Cracking was evident to the tiling in this area at the time of inspection. While the

cracking appears to be minor, this area is frequently exposed to water, allowing potential for water penetration into adjoining sections of walls or flooring.

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

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

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



Defects 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Ensuite - Master
Finding:	Toilet seat - Loose
Information:	The toilet seat was found to be loose and relatively unstable at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this defect has developed due to general aging of the toilet seat and associated materials. However, the loose fixing may also be a result of impact damage.

If left unmanaged, the toilet seat could deteriorate further, leading to greater destabilisation and the potential for accidents.

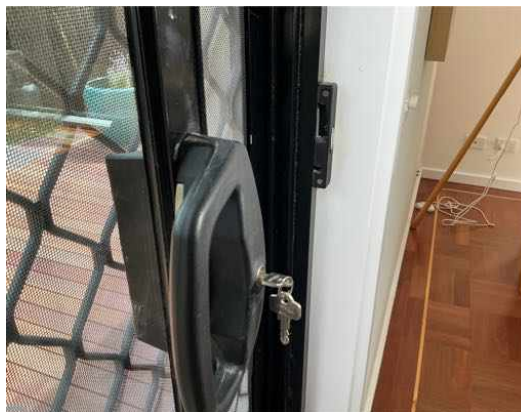
It is recommended that the seat be refixed by a handyman or registered builder.



Defects 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Family Room
Finding:	Lock - Not working
Information:	The lock in this area was not operational at the time of inspection. Where locks have deteriorated to a point where they are no longer usable, the security of the property is immediately compromised.

Repair or replacement of the lock is highly recommended. Consultation with a locksmith or general handyman is required to gain further advice on any added security that may be available for the area.



Defects 3.20

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

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

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

Such works should be performed by the homeowner; however, appointment of a landscape contractor or an arborist may be required. Consultation with a licensed roof plumber is required where guttering has been damaged.



Defects 3.21

Building: Main Building
 Location: Roof Void
 Finding: Insulation - Inadequate
 Information: Upon inspection of the roof void it was noted that there is a lack of adequate insulation.

Insufficient insulation will result in a comparatively higher cost to heat and cool a property as there is a lack of Insulation (or uneven coverage of insulation) which works as a barrier to heat transfer. This helps to keep out unwanted heat in summer and preserves warmth inside your home in winter. It can also help soundproof your home from unwanted airborne noise transfer.

Example - Where there is a gap in coverage totaling 5% there is a potential for up to 50% of the energy efficiency to escape.

The level of insulation in the property does not meet current Australian Standards. Installation of adequate insulation is required and should be conducted as soon as possible.

Caution should be exercised when accessing the roof void. Do not attempt to stand on the framework to the underside of the trusses and be aware there is a potential for electric shock if contact is made with exposed or faulty electrical wiring.





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 Bricklayer
- Licensed Plumber
- Registered/Licensed Builder
- 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.

D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

- On inspection, a major defect, some minor defects and maintenance items were found as listed in the report. Please use this report as a maintenance list to rectify the defects found.

Please be aware that without attention, some minor defects may become major defects.

Uneven flooring throughout that was found to be beyond tolerance for a building of this construction method. Cracking to brickwork was extensive and many doors were found to be binding.

A specialist Restumping and underpinning expert will be able to assess the subfloor structures and recommend and quote on any Restumping/stabilization and underpinning works required.

The Shower in the ensuite was found to be leaking with broken tiles and missing grout also found. This bathroom will need to be renovated with new waterproofing and tiling required. This bathroom should not be used until these works are completed.

The brickwork cracking to the garage is considered a major defect for rectification. A qualified bricklayer should be engaged immediately to repair this brickwork.

There was no evidence of a previous termite treatment, we recommend a preventative timber pest treatment to all Properties of this construction method.

And especially as there was evidence of termite damage to the retaining wall putting this property at high risk of termite attack if not properly treated to protect this property.

Please read the report in full and contact me with any questions.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Vince Paterno on: 0498 110 155

Section D Significant Items

The following items were noted as - For your information

Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All Areas
Finding: Additional Photos and Obstructions and Limitations
Information: These are additional photographs and photographs of the obstructions and limitations inside and outside (furniture, landscaping etc) which may impede full inspection of the property at the time of inspection. These obstructions can hide an array of defects and may be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out. A re-inspection may be made if clients require once the areas are made accessible.











Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: Retaining Walls
 Finding: Suspected termite activity identified
 Information: Although no evidence of live termite activity was found at the time of inspection it is suspected that a termite colony is present on the property. Further inspection of external and internal areas is required in order to correctly identify the presence of termite activity and may include works of an intrusive nature.

It is strongly recommended that further inspection be conducted as soon as possible by a qualified timber pest technician in order to prevent any further damage that may ensue and install a treatment



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
 Location: Appliances
 Finding: Warranty - Expired
 Information: Where appliances are beyond their warranty period, the owner should be prepared to meet the cost of replacement or repair of the item at any time. The operation of the appliance can not be guaranteed and further inspection by an appropriately qualified tradesperson may be required.





Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: Subfloor
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.



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.
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.
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 ² (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm ² (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.
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 a pest report. As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

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.

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.