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Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2026

Property Address: 5/528 Pascoe Vale Rd, Pascoe Vale VIC
3044, 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).

Original Inspection Date: Tue, 7 Apr 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 fair condition with maintenance items required.

Section B General

General description of the property

Building Type	Residential
Company or Strata title	Yes
Floor	Slab on ground
Furnished	Furnished
No. of bedrooms	3
Occupied	Unoccupied
Orientation	North
Other Building Elements	Garage, Party Walls
Other Timber Bldg Elements	Floating Floor, Doors, Door Frames, Deck, Architraves, Skirting Boards, Stair Railing, Staircase
Roof	Pitched, Tiled, Timber Framed
Storeys	Double
Walls	Brick Veneer
Weather	Raining

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.

- Interior
- Exterior

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.
- Exterior Roof Surface - Second Storey.
- Wall Exterior - where neighbouring buildings immediately adjoin.

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:

- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.
- Rugs
- Furniture
- Floor coverings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Fixed ceilings
- 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.

- Decking

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: **Medium**

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

Defects 1.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Rangehood - Vented into kitchen
Information:	The range hood flue was found to lead directly back into the kitchen, rather than venting to the exterior of the building.

The positioning of this flue is likely to lead to a build-up of grease and grime in the surrounding area, which can pose as a fire hazard and health hazard.

Without re-direction to the exterior of the building, the Rangehood is not considered fully operational and is deemed a minor safety hazard. It is therefore preferable that the flue be re-directed to vent into the external environment. A licensed plumber should be appointed as soon as possible to provide further consultation on the scope of these works and to provide quotations for any necessary works.



Defects 1.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Upstairs windows
Finding:	Windows not restricted opening
Information:	Second story windows in buildings constructed after 2013 must be fitted with devices to restrict the window opening more than 12.5cm to prevent falls. Even if this property was constructed prior to this date it is a safety hazard not to have restricting devices installed.



Major Defect

No evidence was found

Minor Defect

Defects 3.01

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Render - Cracking hairline
Information:	Hairline Cracking to the exterior render in this area was identified at the time of inspection.

This type of cracking is often consistent with general age of the property, and may continue to develop if left unmaintained.

At the time of inspection, the cracking was extensive but extremely minor. Frequent monitoring should be carried out to identify any further damage.



Defects 3.02

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen
Finding:	Rangehood - Fan not working
Information:	While the range hood appears to be working at a satisfactory level, the fan to the structure was not working at the time of inspection.

Without a functional fan, a build-up of grease and evaporative moisture is likely to accelerate deterioration of the range hood and associated flue. This potential build up may also create a minor fire hazard, particularly if left uncleaned.

A licensed electrician should be appointed to replace the fan on the range hood to restore it to a fully operational state.



Defects 3.03

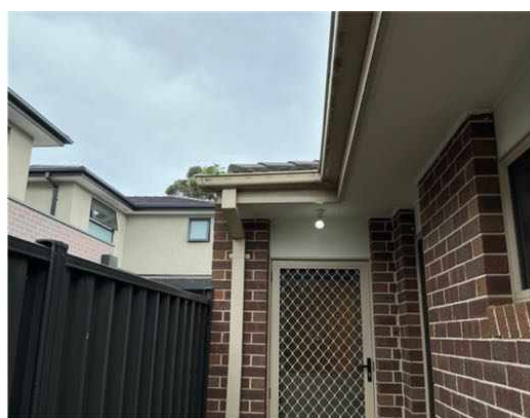
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Gutters - Blocked
Information:	Roof plumbing structures, such as guttering and downpipes, should be free of all debris to prevent blockages. Blockages of the guttering and downpipes will lead to pooling and accumulated water overflows, which is likely 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 3.04

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Exterior walls - front
Finding:	Garage door - Superficial markings
Information:	The garage roller door has a number of marks and dents likely to have resulted from impact damage be it accidental or deliberate impact at sometime.

Garage roller doors can fail when the building materials have aged but may be indicative of impact damage (accidental or deliberate). While superficial markings detract from the aesthetics of the building element, the functionality has not been hindered in any way.

Repair and/or replacement of the two garage doors would improve the condition of the garage but certainly not an urgent item

A qualified roller door installer or supplier should be engaged to check out the operation and overall condition of the doors to determine if repair is an option otherwise replacement may need to be considered.



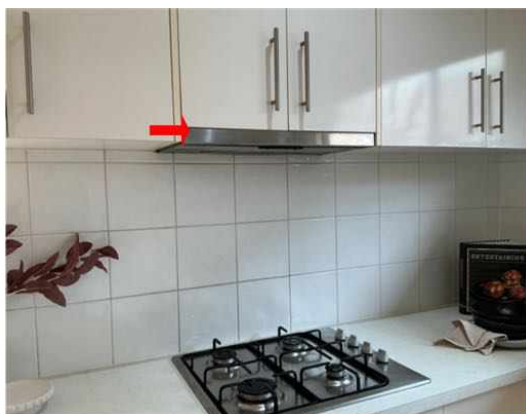
Defects 3.05

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Kitchen Rangehood
Finding:	Sticking or jamming
Information:	Building elements which are sticking or jamming are difficult to operate and don't function as intended. There are a variety of causes for sticking and jamming.

The most usual causes are swelling of timbers due to moisture, bulging or bowing of metal frames, or general material deterioration. Generally, sticking and jamming building elements indicate that their frames are uneven or out of level, generally as result of movement to surrounding walls and floors.

Easement will be required, which usually depends on the building materials used. This may involve some sanding and/or application of a lubricant. It will almost always include ensuring the areas are cleaned and free of any debris that may be detrimental to their operational state.

Appointment of a carpenter or general handyman is recommended to rectify any sticking/jamming building elements.



Defects 3.06

Building:	Main Building
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Location: Downstairs bathroom
Finding: Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged
Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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

There appears to be excessive mould to the sealant and grout which will likely require scraping out and replacement.

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

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



Defects 3.07

Building: Main Building
Location: Stair Landing
Finding: Building element - Swollen
Information: Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

The structural integrity of swollen building elements can not be guaranteed, and further damage is likely to develop if left unmanaged. Excessive moisture is likely to lead to the development of secondary damage to any associated building elements, which may necessitate major reparation works if prolonged.

Rectification of the cause of the water leak should be addressed prior to any remedial works to the swollen building elements. A licensed plumber should be appointed immediately to identify the cause of the leak and provide advice on remedial works as necessary, Repair and/or replacement of swollen building elements should be conducted as a matter of urgency by a registered builder or qualified carpenter.





Defects 3.08

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Upstairs bathroom
Finding:	Building element - Swollen
Information:	Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

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Defects 3.09

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Downstairs bathroom
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 3.10

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Upstairs bathroom
Finding:	Floor tiles - Cracked and drummy
Information:	Cracking in the floor tiles was evident in this area at the time of inspection. It is suspected that this cracking has occurred as a result of the floor being uneven and lacking a solid or suitable foundation for the tiles to be laid on. Settlement in the floor foundations may also have caused movement and resulted in the cracking of tiles in this area.

Cracked tiles throughout the household detract from the overall appearance of the affected areas, as well as creating potential for water penetration to adjoining building elements. If left unmanaged, water damage may occur as a result of constant water penetration over a prolonged period of time.

While not considered a matter of urgency, replacement of cracked floor tiles is advised as a solution. A tiling contractor or general handyperson may be appointed to perform these works at client discretion. Where cracks become more numerous, consultation with a registered builder specialising in re-stumping may be required.



Defects 3.11

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Upstairs 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 3.12

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Upstairs bathroom
Finding:	Sealant and grouting - Missing or damaged

Information: It was noted on inspection that sealant or grout is degraded to the tiled shower alcove and or other areas of the bathroom.

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

There appears to be excessive mould to the sealant and grout which will likely require scraping out and replacement.

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

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



Defects 3.13

Building: Main Building

Location: Upstairs windows
Finding: Building element - Swollen
Information: Swollen building elements generally indicate that the building materials have been affected by excessive moisture over a prolonged period of time, and have swollen as a result. The formation and development of mould/fungi or mildew is also a likely consequence of excessive moisture, which may pose major respiratory issues for occupants, particularly the elderly, the very young and those with existing illnesses and could be potential health safety hazards. In these cases an appropriately qualified inspector/tester should also be contacted for advice and/or technical assistance.

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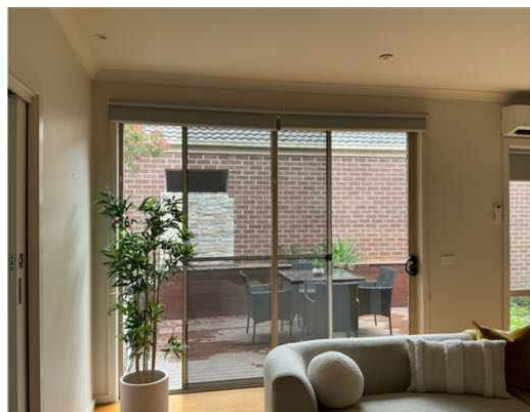
Defects 3.14

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Windows and sliding doors
Finding:	Doors and windows- stiff to slide
Information:	The doors and windows to these areas were difficult to operate at the time of inspection. This is likely due to damaged wheels which help the door to operate in a smooth fashion.

Doors provide ventilation and exits to the adjoining area and should be at a fully operational level to ensure user comfort and safety. Restricted function of the door 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 door 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 sliding door.



Defects 3.15

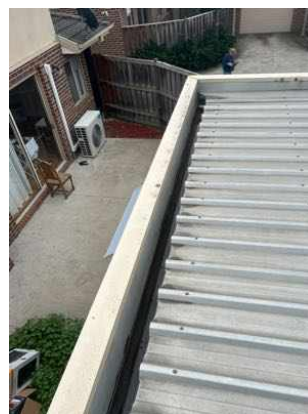
Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Roof tiles - Weathered
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the majority of roof tiles were considered to be in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

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

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

Consultation with a roofing contractor is highly advised to gain advice on cost of remedial works that may be required in the short to medium term. Remedial works are likely to increase the longevity of the exterior roofing structure.





Defects 3.16

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 3.17

Building:	Garage
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof plumbing - Rusted or corroded
Information:	The roof plumbing has areas of rust and corrosion. It is suspected that this has been caused by blockages, resulting in pooling or standing water, that have prematurely rusted elements of the roof plumbing.

Rusted roof plumbing will generally develop holes and leaks that can affect other building elements with poor drainage of storm water. Poorly drained roof areas will also lead to damp conditions surrounding the base perimeter of the building which, if left unmanaged, can lead to a range of secondary building defects.

Repair and/or replacement of rusted roof plumbing is highly required in order to reinstate the roof drainage system to a fully operational level. To further maintain these areas, gutters should be cleaned frequently, allowing the avoidance of any partial blockages.

A licensed plumber or specialist roof restoration company should be appointed to undertake these works. It is advised that such works be completed as soon as possible to prevent any further damage and deterioration.



Defects 3.18

Building:	Main Building
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Insulation - Reduced in volume
Information:	Insul-fluff is common in many older homes and is a loose form of insulation that is 'blown' into roof voids. While this type of insulation was considered effective at the time of installation, modern materials have surpassed it as the preferred insulator.

This type of insulation is susceptible to settling and reducing in volume, detracting from its effectiveness and resulting in an overall loss of energy within the household. Additionally, the reduction in volume has led to an uneven distribution of insulation within the ceiling void, further detracting from its effectiveness.

It is highly advised that this insulation be removed and replaced with a more appropriate material. This will ensure that the property is adequately insulated and will promote an increase in energy efficiency within the property. An insulation contractor should be appointed to provide further advice on replacement options and to perform works as necessary.



Defects 3.19

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Unconventional handyman work
Information:	This handyman work appears to have been completed to a substandard level and does not comply with regular building practices. Where handyman work is not completed satisfactorily, accelerated deterioration of the associated building elements is likely to occur and secondary defects to surrounding structures may develop.

It is highly recommended that the substandard work be rectified by professional services. Works to improve this area are likely to increase the safety and the operation of the associated building elements.

The client should exercise care when coming into the immediate vicinity of the substandard works. Rectification works are advised as soon as possible by the

appropriate trades.



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

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

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On inspection, 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.

Many items around the property have deteriorated due to wear and tear and an obvious lack of maintenance

Several areas contained swollen Timbers, no excess moisture was found in any of these swollen Timbers at the time of inspection.

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

There was no evidence of a previous termite treatment; we recommend installation of a preventative treatment to all properties.

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:	Electrical Switchboard
Finding:	Termite Management System - no evidence of a chemical installation
Information:	The application of a post-construction chemical termite barrier is highly recommended for all properties, particularly if live termite activity has been found on the site previously. Such barriers are highly effective in preventing termite attack on any timber building elements throughout the property.

A durable notice should be placed in the switchboard unit to indicate current termite barriers. At the time of inspection, it appeared as though no termite management system has been installed, with no evidence to suggest preventative works taking place.

The client may consider gaining further advice from a pest controller as to the costs and procedures involved with this application. It is recommended that obtaining such advice be a short-term priority.



Noted Item

Building:	Main Building
Location:	Deck
Finding:	External Timber Balcony or Deck - Structural Stability
Information:	The load capacity of the external balcony or deck could not be verified during the inspection.

External timber structures are also constantly exposed to weather elements and can deteriorate in an accelerated manner, ongoing assessments are required.

Regular maintenance inspections by competent practitioners is recommended .



Noted Item

Building: Main Building
Location: All 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: Roof Void
Finding: Roof void access limitations
Information: Limited access to the roof void was present due to facts including but not limited to access hatch size or placement, for this reason access to the roof void was minimal.



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

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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.