

# Inspection Report

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### Inspection Information

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Inspection Time:                    09:00 AM

### Pest And Building Inspection

**The Scope of the Inspection:** This report Complies with Australian Standards AS 4349.1-2007. Inspection of Buildings Part 1: Pre- Purchase Inspections-Residential Buildings- Appendix "C" and with AS 4349.3-2010 (Visual Timber Pest Inspection Report)

Only the purchaser name at the front page of the report "Client" should rely on this report. If this report has been issued to you by a third party. You are not to rely on its findings or contents and seek to obtain your own independent pre purchase inspection report as this report or its contents is non transferable. The inspection WILL NOT report on items listed in Appendix "D" of AS43491.2007.

If the property is part of a Strata or Company Title , then Appendix "B" of the Australian Standards applies.

**Special Requirements:** Unless stated otherwise in the report It is acknowledged that there are no special requirements placed on this inspection that are outside the scope of the abovementioned Australian Standard.

**Inspection Agreement:** This report is subject to the terms, scope, description and limitations of the inspection agreement that was entered into prior to the inspection being performed. (Note: This agreement may have been entered into by your Solicitor/Conveyancer or other agent). If you are unsure in any way as to how that inspection agreement impacts this inspection and report, please seek clarification prior to committing to the property.

**Changes to the Inspection Agreement:** Unless stated otherwise in the report It is acknowledged that if any inspection agreement is in place in respect to this inspection, no changes have been made between the scope of the pre-Inspection Agreement and the scope of this inspection report.

**Please read the entire report.** Refer to the terms & conditions as they form part of the report

### Areas to be Inspected and Restrictions

The Building and the site including fencing that is up to 30 meters from the building and within the boundaries of the site. Where present and accessible, the Inspection shall include.

- (a) The interior of the building.
- (b) The roof space.



- (c) The exterior of the building
- (d) The sub-floor space
- (e) The roof exterior
- (f) The property within 30 m of the building subject to inspection.

### **Visual Inspection Only**

This is a visual inspection only limited to those areas and sections of the property fully accessible and visible to the inspector on the date of inspection. The inspection did not include breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including, but not limited to, foliage, mouldings, roof insulation/ sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, ceilings, floors, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions. The inspector cannot see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, behind stored goods in cupboards and other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector did not dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures. Visible timbers cannot be destructively probed or hit without the written permission of the property owner.

### **Very Important note to the purchaser.**

In the event that areas where access could not be gained ie: locked areas or rooms where physical access could not be gained, structural defects, termite damage or activity may be present but not seen. Access should be provided and a follow up or re-Inspection should be undertaken prior to a contract of sale becoming binding. Please consult with the vendor and request full access to restricted areas. This should be done prior to a decision to purchase.

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## Summary Of Major Defects And Safety Hazards

**Below Is A Summary Of Significant Items Requiring Immediate Action.**

Section	Location	Name	Comment
SITE	Pool Fence & Signs	Pool Fence	A swimming pool is present but the pool fence appears inadequate. The gate is not closing and latching as it should. This should be repaired The pool fence should be checked for compliance with safety regulations. Considered safety Hazard
HOT WATER SYSTEM	Water Tank	Water Tank Condition	Leaking section. Recommendations: Assessment conducted by a licensed plumber advised.
CONCLUSION	Condition Of Inspected Structure	The incidence of Major Defects	The incidence of major defects in this residential building as compared with similar buildings is considered LOW

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## Summary Of Minor Defects

**Below Is A Summary Of Defects Other Than Major Defects.**

Section	Location	Name	Comment
SITE	Retaining Walls	Overall Condition	Timber fungal decay evident. Recommendations: A qualified landscaping contractor should be engaged for repairs and recommendations.
SITE	Surface Drainage	Drains	Recommend installing a drainage point under the tap to assist with drainage.
ROOF AND GUTTER	Roof Covering	Roof Clad Condition	Cracked tiles visible. Contact a roof tiler for repairs. This has potential to become a serious issue if repairs aren't carried out due to water ingress into the roof cavity.
ROOF AND GUTTER	Roof Covering	Roof Clad Condition	Mortar cracks visible. We recommend having these repaired by a qualified roofer as they may contribute to water ingress.
ROOF AND GUTTER	Roof Covering	Roof Clad Condition	Cracked tile ends visible. A qualified roof tiling contractor should be engaged for advice and recommendations. Considered a minor defect but has the potential to become a Major defect if repairs aren't carried out immediately due to water ingress into the roof cavity.
ROOF AND GUTTER	Guttering	Gutter Findings	Debris in guttering areas- this requires cleaning out to prevent blocking of downpipes and leaking into eaves and fascia. Have gutters cleaned and assessed by a plumber for adequate fall. Regularly clean to prevent ponding. Ponding water will contribute to rust.
ROOF AND GUTTER	Guttering	Gutter Findings	Gutter surface rust in sections- the rust is yet to penetrate and repairs/sealing may be an option. A qualified roof plumber should be engaged for advice and recommendations.
EXTERIOR	Porch	Porch Findings	Cracked tiles noted. Repairs required by a qualified tiler.
EXTERIOR	Windows	Overall Condition	Damaged fly screen/s replace as required.
GARAGE	Garaging	Floor Findings	Minor hairline slab cracks - Note. Whilst these cracks appeared to be minor at the time of inspection, we strongly recommend you monitor these cracks and if worsening occurs contact a qualified concreter for further advice.
STAIRS-DECKS-AWNING	Stairs & Steps	Treads	Timber fungal decay in sections of stair treads. Maintenance/ repair is required. A qualified carpenter should be engaged for advice and recommendations.
STAIRS-DECKS-AWNING	Awning	Overall Condition	On inspection, defects were present that will require further assessing and recommendations by licensed and qualified trades persons, please read below for details: The foot brackets show signs of corrosion. Recommend Builder to assess and repair or replace accordingly.

KITCHEN & LAUNDRY	Laundry	Ceiling	Settlement Cracks Noted. These are typical and generally patch and paint will suffice, however monitoring these cracks advised for 12 months and if they become wider or longer, you will need to contact a structural engineer to assess.
KITCHEN & LAUNDRY	Laundry	Walls	Settlement Cracks Noted . These are typical and generally patch and paint will suffice, however Monitoring these cracks advised for 12 months and if become wider or longer, you will need to contact a structural engineers to assess.
CONCLUSION	Condition Of Inspected Structure	The Incidence of Minor Defects	The incidence of minor defects in this residential building as compared with similar buildings is considered LOW

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## SITE

### Driveway

#### Materials

The driveway is concrete.



#### Driveway Condition

Common cracks were observed on the driveway. Whilst these cracks appeared to be typical at the time of inspection, we strongly recommend you monitor these cracks and if worsening occurs contact a concreter for further advice.







## Paths

### **Pathways Condition**

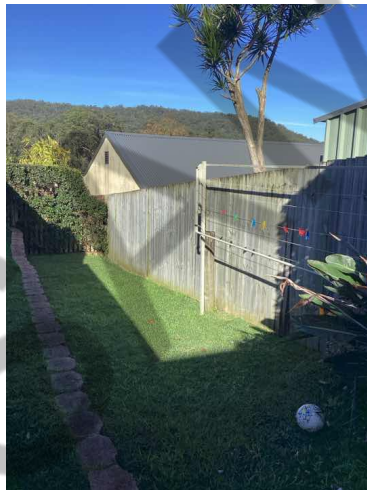
The paths around the home are in a serviceable condition for the age of this dwelling with no major defects visible.



## Fences & Gates

### **Overall Condition**

Of the visible areas, the general condition of the fences and gates is serviceable for the age of dwelling.





## Retaining Walls

### NOTE

As per Section 3.21 and appendix C6 of Australian Standards AS4349.1-2007 only retaining and landscaping walls over 700mm high shall be inspected.

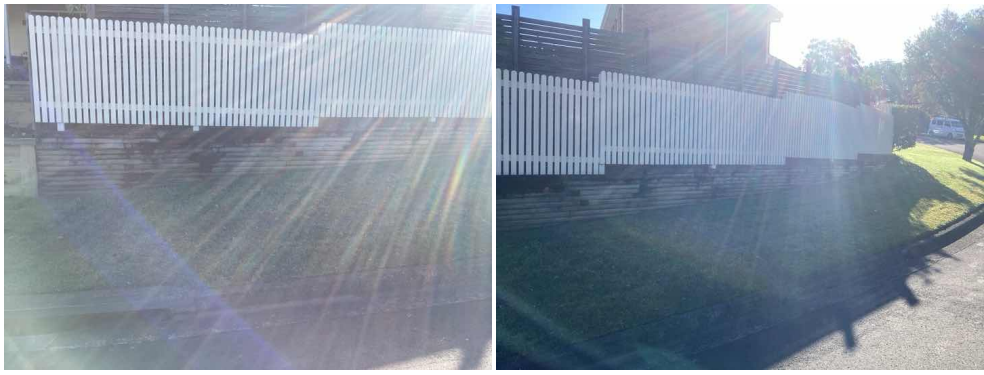
Retaining walls were only inspected from within the boundary. Retaining walls that are not visible from within the boundary have not been inspected. Permission from adjoining properties should be obtained for these areas to be inspected.

### Material

Keystone blocks

The retaining wall material is wood / timber.







### Overall Condition

Timber fungal decay evident. Recommendations: A qualified landscaping contractor should be engaged for repairs and recommendations.







## Surface Drainage

### Drainage Findings

There was no visible evidence of excess ponding or fall towards the property walls at the time of the inspection. Regardless, it is difficult to ascertain in dry conditions and it is therefore recommended that you assess same after a rainfall period to be able to sufficiently ascertain if any problems exist in this regard. If water is ponding around perimeter walls and paths or appears to be flowing into the footings/foundations you must have assessed by a qualified plumber or landscaper.

### Drains

Recommend installing a drainage point under the tap to assist with drainage.



## Pool Fence & Signs

### Pool Fence

A swimming pool is present but the pool fence appears inadequate. The gate is not closing and latching as it should. This should be repaired. The pool fence should be checked for compliance with safety regulations. Considered safety Hazard







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## ROOF AND GUTTER

### Roof Covering

#### General Disclaimer

Refer to Section 2C of the Terms And Conditions section of this report

#### Roof Covering Type

The roof is of concrete tiles.



#### Overall Condition

On inspection, defects were noted that may require further assessment and recommendations by licensed roofer.

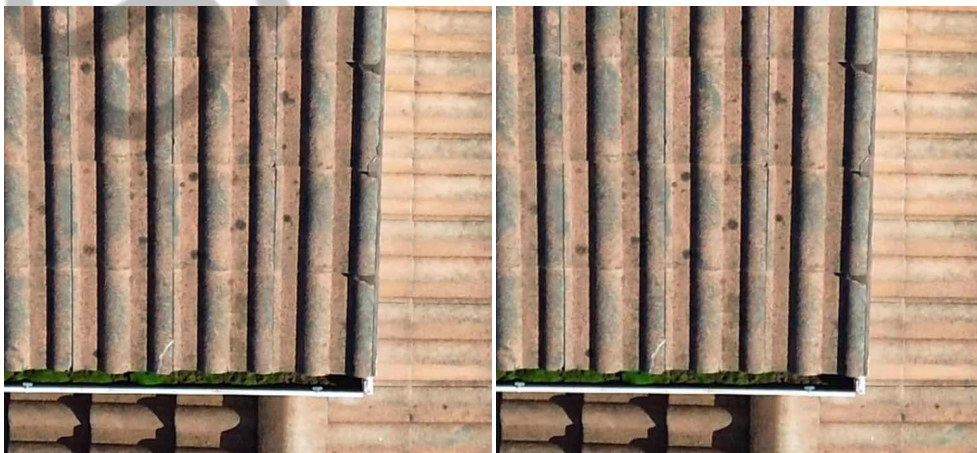


## Roof Clad Condition

Cracked tiles visible. Contact a roof tiler for repairs. This has potential to become a serious issue if repairs aren't carried out due to water ingress into the roof cavity.

Mortar cracks visible. We recommend having these repaired by a qualified roofer as they may contribute to water ingress.

Cracked tile ends visible. A qualified roof tiling contractor should be engaged for advice and recommendations. Considered a minor defect but has the potential to become a Major defect if repairs aren't carried out immediately due to water ingress into the roof cavity.



## Flashing Conditions

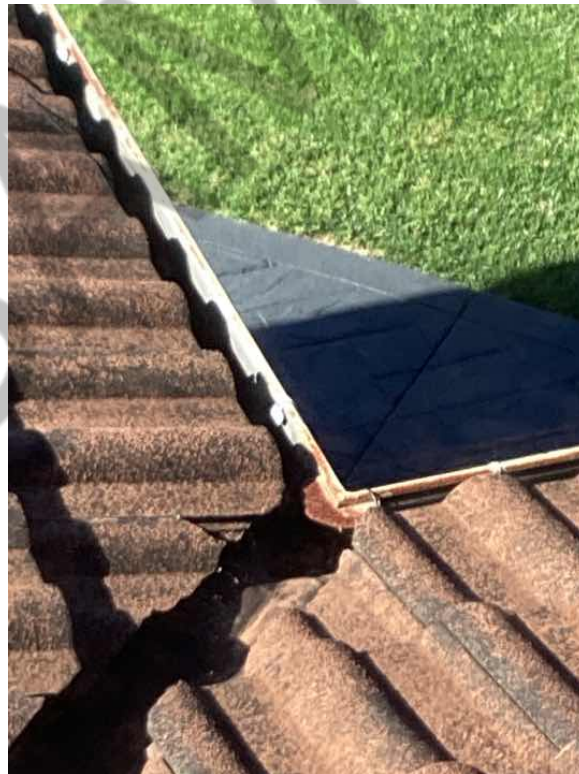
The flashing appears to be serviceable.

## Guttering

### Gutter Findings

Debris in guttering areas- this requires cleaning out to prevent blocking of downpipes and leaking into eaves and fascia. Have gutters cleaned and assessed by a plumber for adequate fall. Regularly clean to prevent ponding. Ponding water will contribute to rust.

Gutter surface rust in sections- the rust is yet to penetrate and repairs/sealing may be an option. A qualified roof plumber should be engaged for advice and recommendations.



## Downpipes

### **Downpipe Findings**

On visual inspection no apparent defects were noted to the down pipes and are considered serviceable, however no comment can be made with regard to blockages or connections to stormwater or functionality in the absence of rain. Note: Periodic maintenance checks should be carried out for rust penetrations and leaks.

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## HOT WATER SYSTEM

### Hot Water Unit

#### Hot Water Unit Findings

The hot water system appears to be in a serviceable condition. No specific tests other than running the hot water from a tap was carried out. No determination has been made as to the suitability or adequacy of the hot water system in relation to capacity or otherwise.



#### System Location

The hot water unit is located outside.

#### System Type

The hot water unit is a gas storage system.

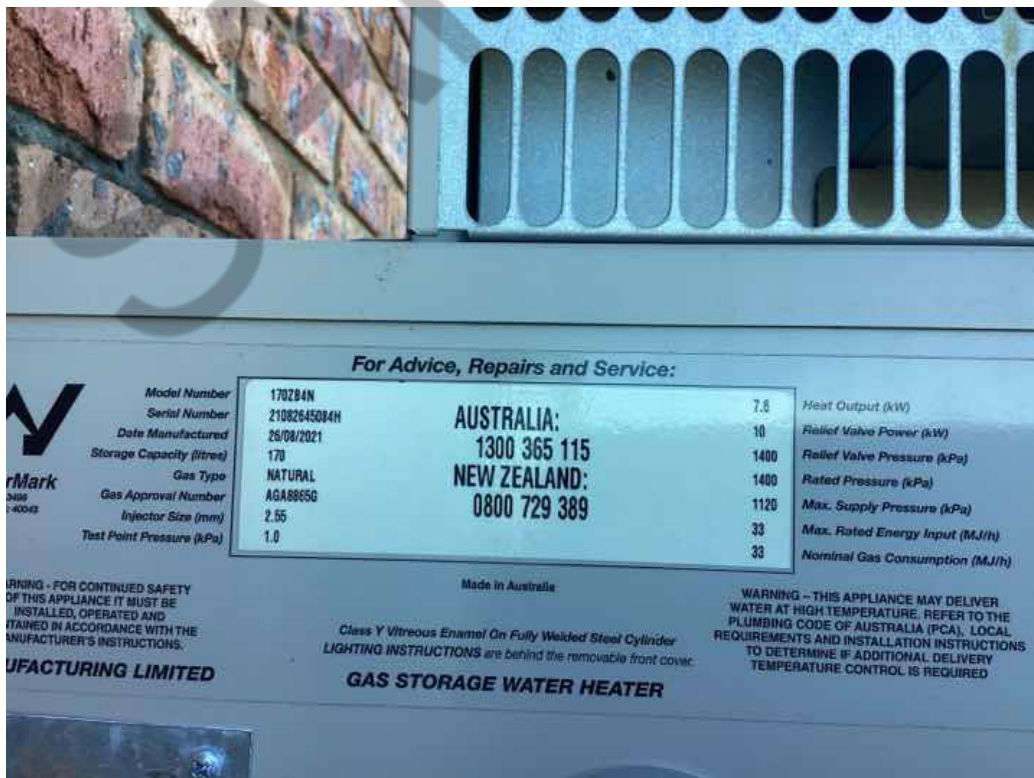
#### System Make

The make of the hot water unit is dux.



### System Capacity

Hot water unit system capacity is 170 litre.



## System Year of Manufacture

2021

Traditional storage tank water heaters have a life span of **around 10 years**. Tankless hot water systems such as instantaneous hot water systems can last up to 20 years.

## External Plumbing Pipes

### Plumbing Pipes

On visual inspection the external plumbing pipes appear serviceable, but should be checked by a qualified plumber.



## Water Tank

### Water Tank Condition

Leaking section. Recommendations: Assessment conducted by a licensed plumber advised.







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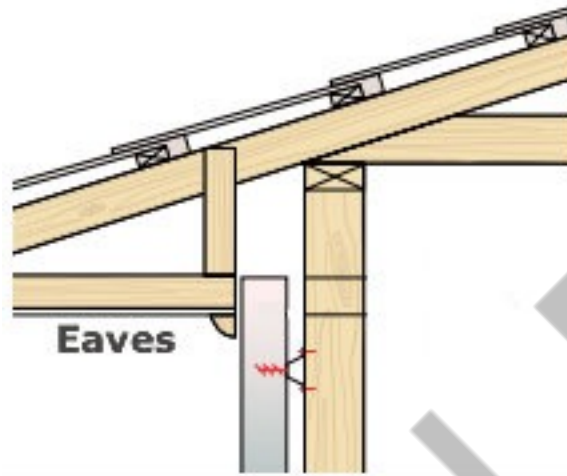


## EXTERIOR

### Eaves

#### **Eave Condition**

The soffit lining (eaves) are in a serviceable condition with no notable defects.



### External Door Components

#### **Door Findings**

On Visual Inspection the external condition of the doors is serviceable.

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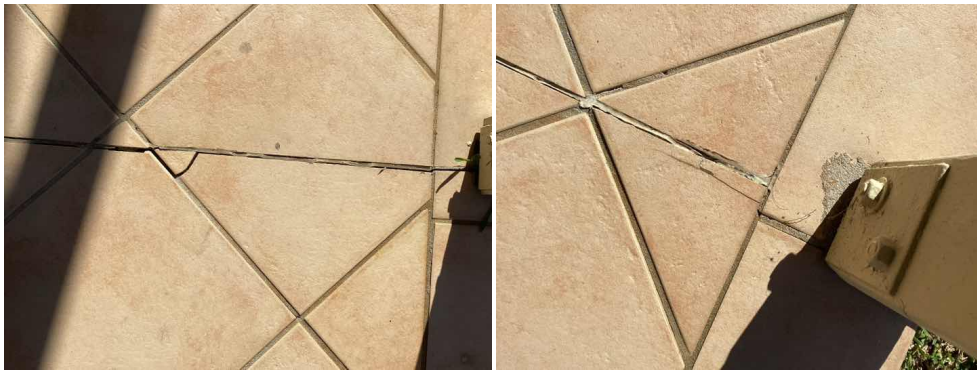


## Porch

### **Porch Findings**

Cracked tiles noted. Repairs required by a qualified tiler.

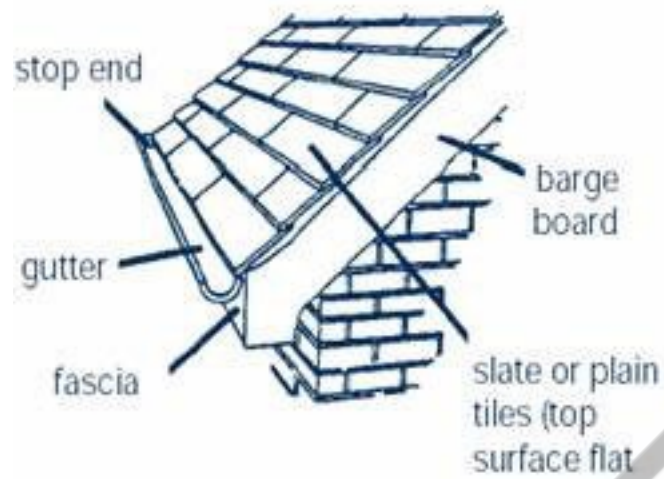




## **Fascia and Barge Boards**

### **Condition**

On visual inspection, the general condition of the fascia/barge boards is serviceable.



## Rising Damp

### **Rising Damp Findings**

Of the visible and accessible areas, there was no visible evidence of excessive rising damp on the external walls at time of inspection.

### **Damp Proof Course**

A damp proof course (DPC) was noted.



## Walls

### **General Disclaimer**

Refer to Section 2D of the Terms And Conditions section of this report.

### **Exterior Wall Material**

Brick.



### **Condition**

On visual inspection, the general condition of the exterior walls is serviceable for the age.

### **Windows**

#### **General Disclaimer**

Please refer to section 2D of the Terms And Conditions Section of this report

#### **Overall Condition**

Damaged fly screen/s replace as required.

### **Weep Holes and Ventilation**

#### **Findings**

The weep holes are unobstructed .



## GARAGE

### Garaging

#### Type

Attached garage.



#### Areas Restricted

Stored items restricted a full and thorough inspection of this area. Defects may exist in the obstructed and inaccessible areas. It is strongly recommended that full access be granted to enable a thorough inspection as there may be timber pest activity, damage or defects. Note: Where vehicles and storage has restricted a full inspection it is advised that this area be cleared so a full and unobstructed inspection can be carried out.



### Overall Condition

On inspection, defects were present that will require further assessing and recommendations by qualified trades persons, please read below for details.

### Roof And Gutter

Same as house. See house roof report.

### Floor Findings

Minor hairline slab cracks - Note. Whilst these cracks appeared to be minor at the time of inspection, we strongly recommend you monitor these cracks and if worsening occurs contact a qualified concreter for further advice.







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## STAIRS-DECKS-AWNING

### Stairs & Steps

#### Overall Condition

Of areas visible, minor defects and/or maintenance issues were visible. These will require assessment and subsequent repairs by a licensed tradesperson. Please read below for details. Please note that the inspector believes these to be of a minor nature relative to the age of the dwelling and or lack of proper and continual maintenance. Others, including other inspectors may differ in their opinions.



#### Treads

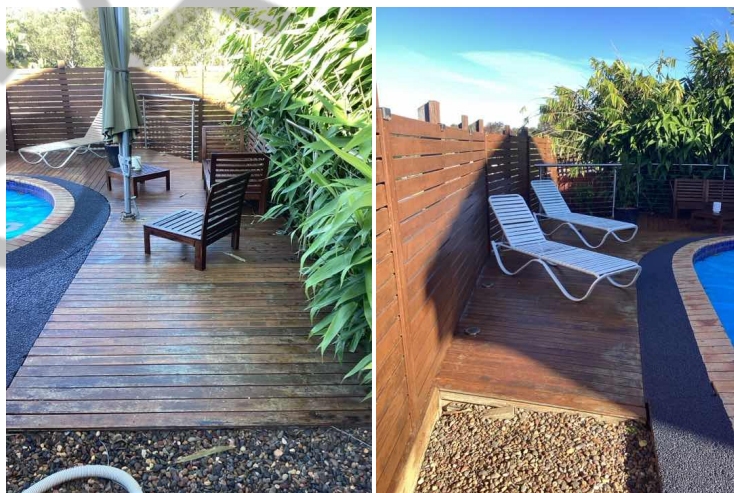
Timber fungal decay in sections of stair treads. Maintenance/repair is required. A qualified carpenter should be engaged for advice and recommendations.



**Decking Findings**

**Overall Condition**

Of areas visible, the decking appears to be in a serviceable condition. Noted cracking in adjacent pool coping.



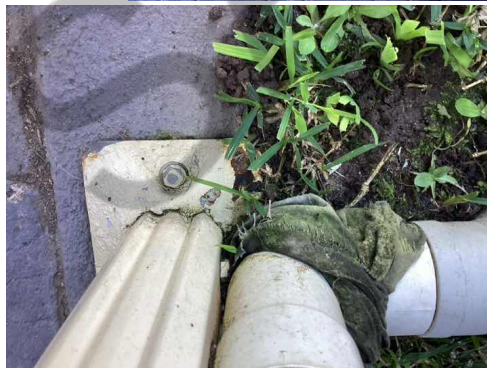
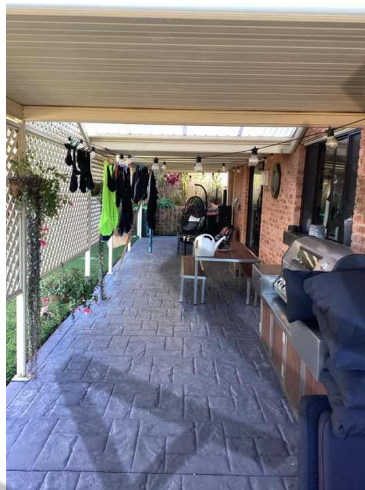


## Awning

### Overall Condition

On inspection, defects were present that will require further assessing and recommendations by licensed and qualified trades persons, please read below for details:

The foot brackets show signs of corrosion. Recommend Builder to assess and repair or replace accordingly.





**General Disclaimer**

Please refer to section 2H of the Terms And Conditions section of this report.

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## INTERIORS

### Doors

#### **General Disclaimer**

Please refer to section 2F of the Terms And Condition section of this report

#### **Front Entry Doors**

The doors are in serviceable condition with no notable defects observed.



#### **Other Doors**

Other doors such as sliding , side entry etc.. appear to be in serviceable condition.

### Living/Dining Room

#### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this room appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



## Dining Room

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this room appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



## **Family Room**

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this room appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.

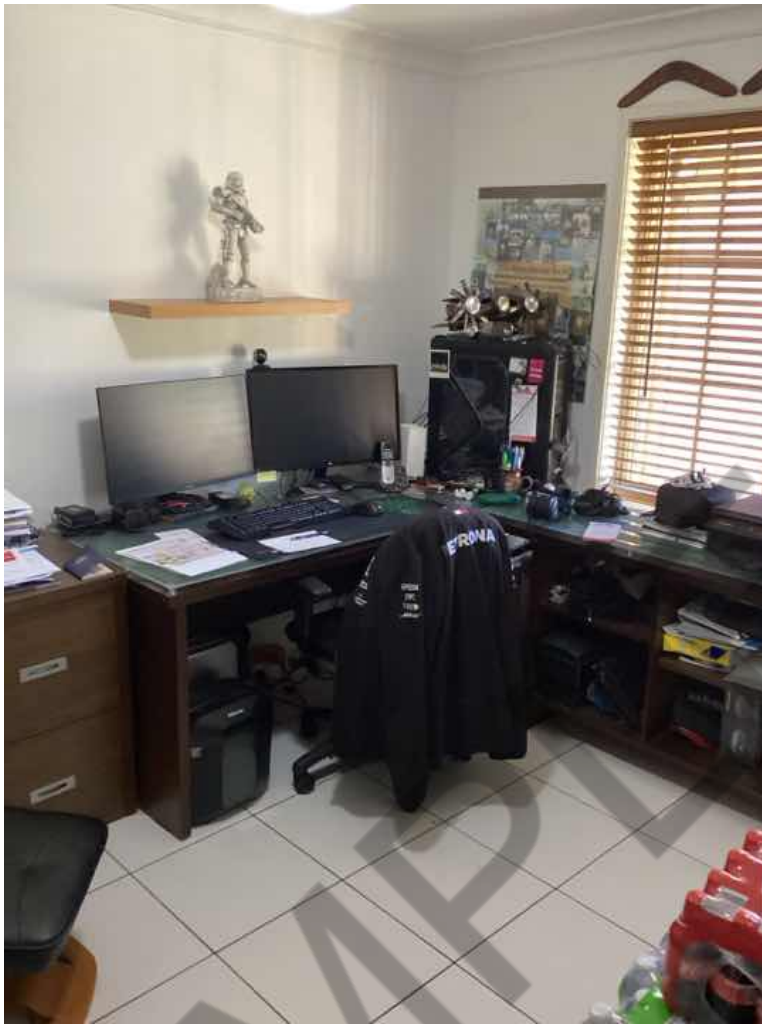




## Study

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this room appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



**Hallway/s**

**Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, the hallway/ appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.





## Internal Stair Case

### **Condition**

The internal staircase and components appear to be in a serviceable condition for the age with no notable defects sighted.



## Smoke Alarm

### **Was a Smoke Alarm Fitted**

Yes 2 smoke alarms were sighted but not tested.

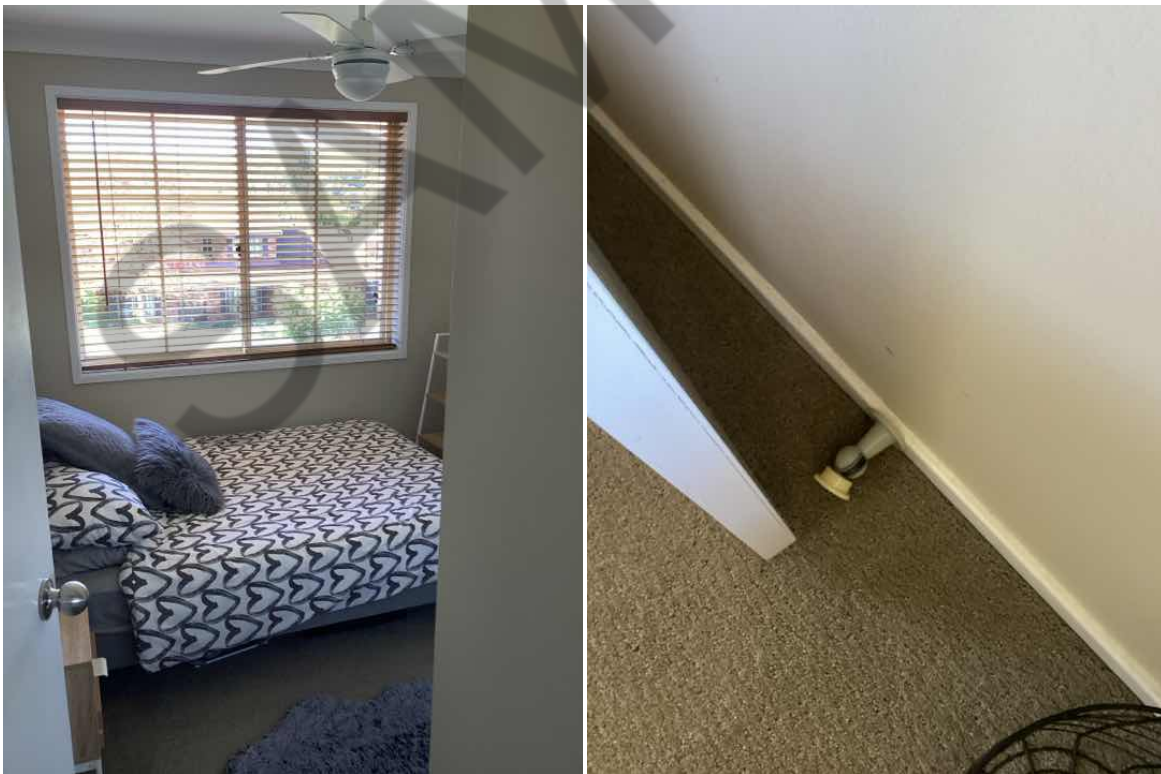
Legislation requires smoke Alarms to be installed. Check with your local council regarding type, locations and other related requirements.



## Bedroom 1

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this bedroom appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted. Noted door stop has loose fixings.



## **Bedroom 2**

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this bedroom appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



## **Bedroom 3**

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this bedroom appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



#### **Bedroom 4**

##### **Overall Condition**

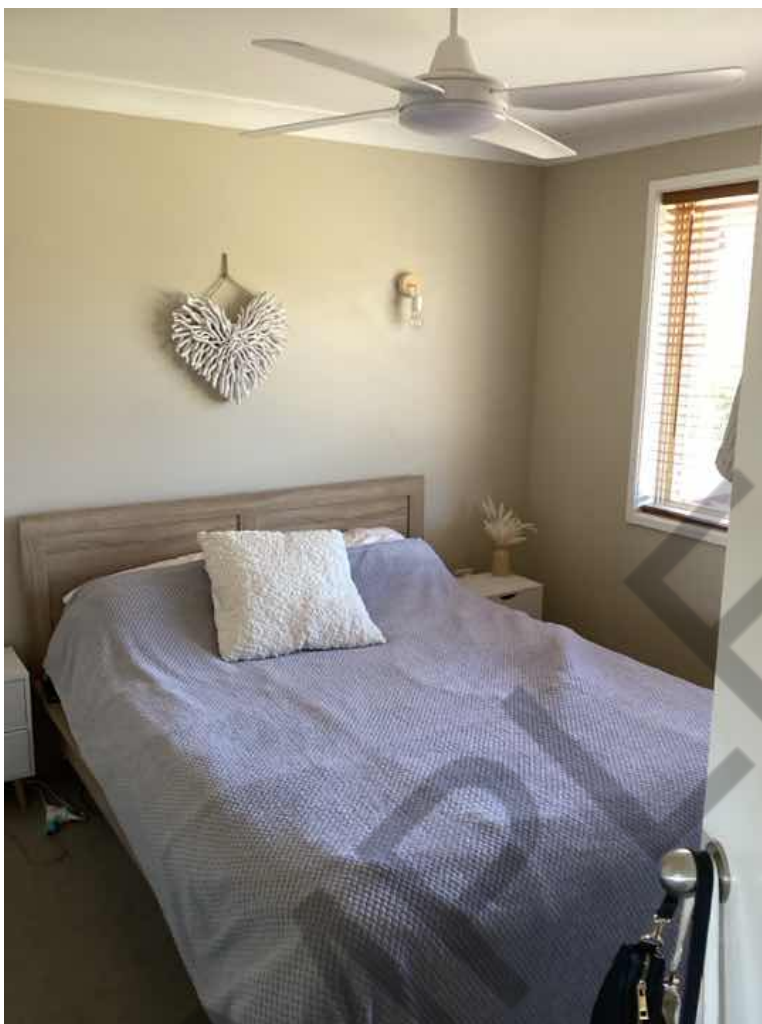
From the visible and accessible areas, this bedroom appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



## **Bedroom 5**

### **Overall Condition**

From the visible and accessible areas, this bedroom appears to be in a serviceable condition for the age of the property with no notable structural defects sighted.



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## BATHROOM(S)

### Bathroom 1

#### **Location**

This bathroom is located in the upper level.

This bathroom is located in the hallway.



#### **Overall Condition**

Of the visible areas, the general condition of this bathroom is serviceable or in reasonable condition for age of dwelling.

#### **Important Disclaimer**

Refer to Section 7 of the Terms And conditions section of this report with regard to all Bathrooms.

### Ensuite

#### **Location**

This bathroom is located in the master bedroom.

This bathroom is located in the upper level.



**Overall Condition**

Of the visible areas, the general condition of this bathroom is serviceable or in reasonable condition for age of dwelling.

**Toilet**

**Location**

This bathroom is located in the lower level.

This bathroom is located in the laundry.

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**Overall Condition**

Of the visible areas, the general condition of this bathroom is serviceable or in reasonable condition for age of dwelling.



## KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

### Kitchen and Pantry

#### **Overall Condition**

Of the visible areas, the general condition of the kitchen is serviceable or in reasonable condition for age of dwelling.



### Laundry

#### **General Disclaimer**

Laundry appliances are not tested or moved during the inspection and the condition of any walls or flooring hidden by them cannot be judged. Drain lines and water supply valves serving washing machines are not operated.

#### **Restrictions**

All areas in the laundry were able to be visually inspected.

#### **Overall Condition**

On inspection, defects were present that will require further assessing and recommendations by licensed and qualified trades persons, please read below for details.



### Ceiling

Settlement Cracks Noted. These are typical and generally patch and paint will suffice, however monitoring these cracks advised for 12 months and if they become wider or longer, you will need to contact a structural engineer to assess.



### Walls

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## ROOF VOID

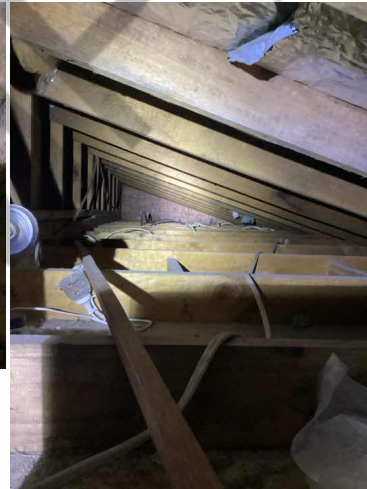
### Roof Void Findings

#### General Disclaimer

Please refer to section 2B of the Terms And Conditions section of this report.

#### Roof Frame Type

The roof frame is a truss timber frame.





**Overall Condition**

Visible sections of the roof void is in a serviceable condition for age of this dwelling.

**Insulation**

**Type**

No insulation installed. Recommendations: Engage insulation contractor to assess.





## Sarking

Sarking is installed.

The sarking generally is in a serviceable condition.

**Note:** Sarking, a flexible membrane positioned beneath roof tiles, functions as a shielding layer akin to a second skin. Enhancing insulation efficiency, it safeguards against elements such as storm-driven rain (Leaks), dust, condensation, and embers during bushfires.



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## CONCLUSION

### Condition Of Inspected Structure

#### Overall Condition

The overall condition of this building has been compared to similar constructed buildings of approximately the same age where those buildings have had a maintenance program implemented to ensure that the building members are still fit for purpose.

The summary lists of Major and Minor defects included this report are the opinion of the inspector, other inspectors or individuals may have a different opinion to what is a Minor or a Major Defect

The incidence of major and minor defects and overall condition in this residential building as compared with similar buildings is listed below.

Please refer to the **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** section of this report for definition.

#### General Maintenance and Upkeep of This Property

The general maintenance and upkeep of this property is considered: **ABOVE AVERAGE**

#### The incidence of Major Defects

The incidence of major defects in this residential building as compared with similar buildings is considered **LOW**

#### The Incidence of Minor Defects

The incidence of minor defects in this residential building as compared with similar buildings is considered **LOW**

#### The Overall Condition Of This Dwelling

The overall condition of this residential dwelling in the context of its age, type and general expectations of similar properties is **ABOVE AVERAGE**





## PROPERTY AND INSPECTION INFORMATION

### Weather at Inspection Area

#### **Weather Conditions**

The weather was fine and dry at the time of the inspection.

### Property Information

#### **Direction House Faces**

The dwelling faces East for the purposes of this inspection report.

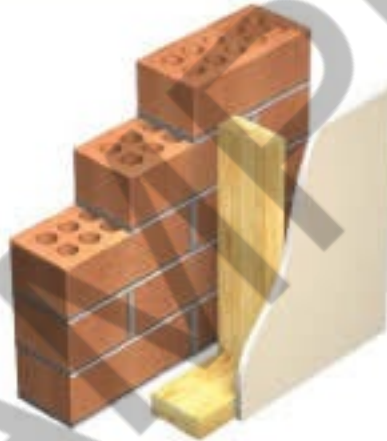
#### **Building Type**

The structure is a residential house.

#### **Construction Type**

The structure is of brick veneer construction.

**BRICK VENEER WALL**



#### **Roof Cladding**

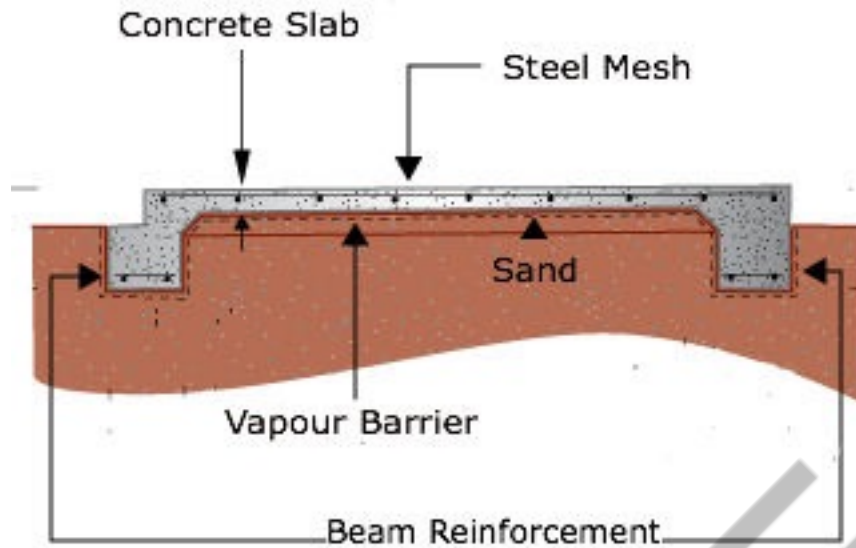
Tile roofing.

#### **Roof Design**

The roof is a pitched roof design.

#### **Footings Type**

Slab on ground construction.



### Storeys

Two storey dwelling.

### Property Occupied

The property was occupied.

### Property Furnished

The property was fully furnished.

### People Present

The vendor was present.

### Access and Restrictions

#### Inspected Areas

Building exterior.  
 Building interior.  
 The garage.  
 Roof Exterior  
 The Roof void.  
 The site.

#### Areas Not Inspected

All areas were accessed and inspected.

### Utility Status

#### Water

The water was Connected. All plumbing pipe installation should be assessed by a licensed plumber.

#### Electricity

Electricity to the dwelling was connected. Note: We do not carry out electrical inspections for wiring or safety. This must be carried out by a licensed electrician and I recommend you have all electrical wiring and components assessed by a licensed electrician.

**Apparent Concealment of possible defects**

**Were apparent Concealments seen**

No apparent concealing of defects was visible.

**inspection Agreement**

**Were there any specific requirements to The Pre Inspection Agreement**

No specific requirements to the inspection or Pre inspection agreement were requested by the client or their legal representatives.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The purpose of the inspection is to identify the visible major defects and safety hazards associated with the property at the time of the inspection. The inspection and reporting is limited to a visual assessment of structure in accord with AS 4349.1 appendix "C" or if not a pre-purchase report then the report complies with AS4349.0. This is a general appraisal only and cannot be relied on its own, a further inspection by specialist and qualified trades is strongly recommended.

**NOT A PEST REPORT:** This inspection and report will not inspect, seek or attempt to identify timber pest activity or damage. We strongly recommend you obtain a timber pest inspection conducted by a licensed and suitably qualified pest inspector.

### DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

**SERVICEABLE:** The building material or component is in reasonable or serviceable condition for the age of the dwelling.

**TRADESMAN:** A defect or a number of defects were visible that will require assessment by a qualified trades person.

**AGE:** The component has deterioration due to ageing or lack of upkeep and or maintenance.

**MONITOR:** Some defects may require monitoring to ascertain if the defect will worsen, reappear or cause further problems.

**STRATA:** In the case of strata and company title properties, the inspection is limited to the interior and immediate exterior of the particular unit being inspected report.

**HIGH:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are beyond the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained.

**TYPICAL:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are consistent with the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age, which have been reasonably well maintained.

**LOW:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are lower than the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained.

**ABOVE AVERAGE:** The overall condition is above that consistent with dwellings of approximately the same age and construction. Most items and areas are well maintained and show a reasonable standard of workmanship when compared with buildings of similar age and construction.

**AVERAGE:** The overall condition is consistent with dwellings of approximately the same age and construction. There will be areas or items requiring some repair or maintenance.

**BELOW AVERAGE:** The building and its parts show some significant defects and/or very poor workmanship and/or long-term neglect and/or defects requiring major repairs or reconstruction of major building.

**SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:** An item that must be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.

**MAJOR DEFECT:** A defect of sufficient magnitude requiring building works to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of function or further worsening of the defective item.

**MINOR DEFECT:** Any defect other than what is described as a Significant Item or major defect.

**SAFETY HAZARD:** A defect that presents unsafe conditions and must be reported as a Major defect.



**ACCESSIBLE AREA:** Is any area of the property and structures allowing the inspector safe and reasonable access within the scope of the inspection.

**LIMITATION:** A factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This report outlines the scope and limitations of the inspection. It consists of a visual assessment aimed at identifying major defects and assessing the property's general condition at the time of inspection. Cost estimates for rectification work are not included as per Australian Standard AS 4349. For properties within Strata or Company Titles, the inspection is limited to the interior and immediate exterior of the specific residential unit, excluding common areas. It's crucial to conduct a re-inspection if the sale contract becomes binding more than 30 days after the initial assessment. This report is intended solely for the individual named in the CLIENT INFORMATION section, and any reliance on it by real estate agents is discouraged. Additionally, any reported a structural engineer for further assessment and advice should evaluate cracking. Please refer to section 2G for details on Cracking of Building Elements.

**Acceptance Criteria:** The building shall be compared with a building that was constructed in accordance with the generally accepted practice at the time of construction and which has been maintained such that there has been no significant loss of strength and serviceability.

**Limitations:** This report is based on a limited visual inspection of accessible areas only, following safety protocols and AS4349 guidelines. Its purpose is to advise potential buyers on the property's condition at the time of inspection. While it covers all safe and accessible areas, it does not assess geological, structural, or service system aspects. It's recommended that qualified contractors evaluate electrical, plumbing, gas, and motorized appliances before purchase. The inspection primarily focuses on the main structure and nearby buildings within 30m of the site, including fences.

**Safe and Reasonable Access:** Inspections were conducted only in areas with safe and reasonable access, as defined by AS4349.1 or AS4349.0. This includes spaces where unobstructed access is provided, adhering to specified clearances being Roof Interior- Access opening 400 x 500 mm - Crawl Space 600 x 600mm - Height accessible from a 3.6m ladder. Roof Exterior- Must be accessible from a 3.6m ladder placed on the ground. However, access does not entail removing screws or bolts, using invasive methods, or moving heavy furniture. For roof inspections, specific access dimensions and ladder requirements apply, ensuring safety and compliance.

**1) NOT A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:** This report does not cover every aspect of the building. It aims to identify obvious or significant defects present at the time of inspection. The significance of a defect depends largely on the age and type of the building. It does not serve as a certificate of compliance with any regulations or acts, nor is it a structural report. For structural advice, consulting a structural engineer is recommended.

**2) VISUAL INSPECTION:** This is a visual inspection only limited to those areas and sections of the property safe that are fully accessible safe to access and visible to the inspector on the date of inspection.

2a) Restricted Areas: Some areas listed in the report may have been inaccessible due to factors like storage, furniture, or limited access. Defects or damage may exist in these areas. Removal of obstacles like ducts or floorboards may be necessary for a thorough inspection, requiring permission from the property owner. We do not guarantee the absence or presence of defects, termite damage, or live termites in uninspected areas. Review the entire inspection report and ensure to contact us with any questions before making a purchase decision.

2b) Entering attics or roof voids that are insulated can cause damage to the insulation and attic framing. Attics with deep insulation cannot be safely inspected due to limited visibility of the framing members upon which the inspector must walk. In such cases, the attic is only partially accessed, thereby limiting the review of the attic area from the hatch area only. Inspectors will not crawl the attic area when they believe it is a danger to them or that they might damage the attic insulation or framing. There is a limited review of the attic area viewed from the hatch only in these circumstances.



2c) **Roof Inspection Limitations:** The inspector will not walk on the roof if it's deemed unsafe, which can be due to factors like height, pitch, or slippery surfaces. This limitation may result in hidden defects. The inspector provides an opinion on the overall condition of the roofing material but does not guarantee against leaks. Observing the roof during rainfall is the only sure way to determine its watertightness, which is often not possible during inspections. Therefore, we offer no guarantee against future leaks.

2d) **Limitations to Exterior Inspection:** This is a visual inspection that examines a representative sample of exterior components, not every occurrence. Geological, geotechnical, hydrological, and environmental conditions are not assessed. Certain features like screening, shutters, fences, and recreational facilities are excluded unless specified. We cannot guarantee that any visible wall cracks will not worsen over time; consult a structural engineer for advice.

2e) Timber framed windows may bind or stick, often due to changes in moisture content. If binding persists, a carpenter may need to make adjustments. While not usually a major defect, binding windows can sometimes indicate footing settlement issues. If fungal decay or deteriorated putty seals are present, the consultant won't operate windows to avoid damage. Sticking or paint-sealed windows won't be forced open. Water leaks around windows can't be assessed without rain.

2f) Carpets, floor coverings, cupboards, and other fixtures, potentially obscuring defects in the flooring or walls may hinder internal inspections. Damage may remain undetected where access is limited or obstructed. Wall condition behind coverings cannot be assessed. This inspection covers only visible areas. Fireboxes, including wood burning units, are not included in this scope; it's advised to test them for assurance before purchase.

2g) **Cracking of Building Elements:** Regardless of the type of crack(s) the inspector carrying out a visual inspection is unable to determine the expected consequences of the cracks. As a crack on the day can be 1mm wide but may have the potential to develop over time into structural problems for the home owner resulting in major expensive rectification work.

Information required to determine the consequences of a crack:

Nature of the foundation material on which the building is resting

- a) The design of the footings
- b) The site landscape and topography
- c) The history of the cracks

All these factors fall outside the scope of this inspection. However the information obtained from the items above are valuable in determining the expected consequences of the cracking and any remedial work.

**Cracking Categories:** Cracking is also categorized into the following 5 categories with a description of typical damage and required repairs:

0-Hairline cracking, less than 0.1mm,

1-Fine cracks that do not need repair, less than 1.0mm,

2-Noticeable cracks, yet easily filled 1mm - 5.0mm,

3-Cracks that can be repaired and possibly some of the wall sections will need to be replaced. Weather tightness can be impaired; 5.0mm -15.0mm,

4-Extensive repair works required involving breaking out and replacing these sections. Walls can become out of plumb and fall and causes reduced bearing capacity, 15.0mm - 25.0mm.

**IMPORTANT:** Regardless of location or size If cracks have been identified then a structural engineer is required to determine the significance of the cracking prior to a decision to purchase.

2h) For any elevated structure designed for human use, it's imperative to engage an engineer or qualified individual for inspection and to arrange annual maintenance checks. This report does not confirm suitability for specific purposes or capacities. Only a qualified engineer can assess this. The term "structure" encompasses elevated decks, verandas, balconies, handrails, stairs, and play areas. If linings or obstructions hide any structural component, a qualified professional must remove them for evaluation.

**3) CONCEALED DEFECTS:** This report does not cover: concealed defects, weather-dependent issues like leaks, usage-dependent defects (e.g., shower enclosures), timber pests, gas fittings, common areas, environmental factors, proximity to transportation, noise levels, health and safety, heritage, security, fire protection, site drainage, non-structural swimming pools/spas, illegal construction or plumbing, durability of finishes, neighbourhood issues, document analysis, electrical systems, statutory regulations, or any uninspected areas/items.

**4) NO GUARANTEE:** Accordingly this report is not a guarantee that defects and/or damage do not exist in any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property. Such matters may upon request be covered under the terms of a special purpose property report.

**5) SWIMMING POOLS:** Swimming pools/spas are not part of the standard building report as per AS4349 and are not covered by this report. We strongly recommend a pool expert should be engaged to examine the pool and the pool equipment and plumbing as well as the requirements to meet the standard for pool fencing. Failure to conduct this inspection and put into place the necessary recommendations could result in finds for non-compliance under the legislation.

**6) SURFACE WATER AND DRAINAGE:** To prevent potential foundation issues, ensure proper drainage away from the house. This inspection does not assess site drainage, as its adequacy can vary with weather conditions. Recommendations are based on conditions observed during the inspection. Consider a smoke test to detect illegal connections or drainage issues.

**7) SHOWER RECESSES:** Shower areas are visually inspected for leaks, but leaks may only become apparent with consistent use. Ensuring watertightness is not within the scope of this inspection. Proper sealing in bathrooms is crucial to prevent water damage. Ongoing maintenance is essential to address minor imperfections that could lead to water penetration. Shower recesses may be tested for leaks if water is connected, but such tests have limitations and may not detect all issues. The absence of visible leaks during inspection does not guarantee that the shower is leak-free.

**8) GLASS CAUTION:** Glazing in older houses (built before 1978) may not necessarily comply with current glass safety standards AS1288. In the interests of safety, glass panes in doors and windows especially in traffic-able areas should be replaced with safety glass or have shatterproof film installed unless they already comply with the current standard.

**9) STAIRS AND BALUSTRADES:** Specifications have been laid down by the National Construction Code, covering stairs, landings, balustrades to ensure the safety of all occupants and visitors in a building. Many balustrades and stairs built before 1996 may not comply with the current standard. You must upgrade all such items to the current standard to improve safety.

**10) RETAINING WALLS:** Retaining walls exceeding 700mm in height should have been installed with engineering design and supervision. Such walls on the site were not evaluated in this standard property report. It is recommended to investigate further regarding drainage systems, load-bearing capacity, component sizing, and batter.

**11) ROOMS BELOW GROUND LEVEL:** If there are any rooms under the house or below ground level (whether they are habitable or non-habitable rooms), these may be subject to dampness and water penetration. Drains are not always installed correctly or could be blocked. It is common to have damp problems and water entry into these types of rooms, especially during periods of heavy rainfall and this may not be evident upon initial inspection. These rooms may not have council approval. The purchaser should make his or her own enquiries with the Council to ascertain if approval was given.

**12) ASBESTOS, MOULD AND MAGNASITE DISCLAIMER:** No inspection for asbestos, Mould or Magnasite was carried out at the property and no report on their presence or is provided. Consult with a suitably qualified inspector for these tests

**13) ESTIMATING DISCLAIMER:** No estimate is provided in this report. We strongly recommend you obtain quotes for repairs from licensed tradesman prior to a decision to purchase.

**14) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** No liability shall be accepted on an account of failure of the report to notify any problems in the area(s) or section(s) of the subject property that were obstructed and or concealed, physically inaccessible for inspection, or to which access for inspection is denied by or to the inspector (including but not limited to or any area(s) or section(s) so specified by the report) Compensation will only be payable for losses arising in contract or tort sustained by the client named on the front of this report. Compensation is limited to the price of the report initially paid by the claimant named in the report as the "CLIENT"

**15) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES:** Compensation will only be payable for losses arising in contract or tort sustained by the Client named on the front of this report. Any third party acting or relying on this Report, in whole or in part, does so entirely at his or her own risk.

**16) COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE:** In case of any dispute or claim regarding the Inspection or the Report, notify us promptly via email or registered mail. We must be granted access to the property within 28 days to investigate fully, and you'll receive a written response within the same timeframe. If unsatisfied, refer the matter to a Mediator nominated by us within 21 days of our response. The cost will be shared equally, or as agreed upon. Failure to comply and initiating litigation will require you to indemnify us against any incurred expenses.

## OTHER RECOMMENDED INSPECTIONS

**Electrical installation:** All electrical wiring, meter-box and appliances need to be checked by a qualified electrician. The inspection of any electrical item is outside the scope of this report.

**Plumbing:** All plumbing including septic tanks need to be inspected and reported on by a plumber.

**Hot water service:** Hot water services need to be checked by a plumber and/or electrician.

**Gas:** All gas services need to be inspected and reported on by a gas plumber.

**Phone:** All phones, phone lines and outlets need to be inspected and reported on by a telecommunications technician.

**Smoke Alarm:** AS3786 mandates smoke alarms in buildings where people sleep. Consult an electrician for advice on installation or existing alarms.

**Contact the inspector:** For any queries or clarification regarding this report, don't hesitate to contact the inspector directly. Understanding complex issues or faults can be challenging, we strongly recommend you contact the inspector promptly for assistance and clarification on listed issues before making any decisions based on the report.



## TIMBER PEST INSPECTION

**Please note that this inspection and report was a Visual only inspection to the readily accessible areas of the property as defined within the terms and conditions of this report.**

Please ensure that you read all sections of the report as well as the additional information at the rear of Please note that this inspection and report was a Visual only inspection to the readily accessible areas of the property as defined within the terms and conditions of this report. As this is a visual inspection only there may be damage to structural timbers within the building from termite infestation that is concealed by wall/s and or ceiling linings, and that such damage has neither been inspected for nor reported herein. Please ensure that you read all sections of the report as well as the additional information at the rear of the report and understand the limitations and the special recommendations for this construction style. If there is something you do not understand or require further clarification. Please contact the Inspector. **IMPORTANT: The Client acknowledges that, unless stated otherwise, the Client, as a matter of urgency should implement any recommendation or advice given in this report. Please contact the inspector If there is something you do not understand or require further clarification on.**

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# ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS



## Note

### **Inspection Information**

For the purpose of visual timber pest inspection this timber pest inspection report which form part of a combined timber pest and building inspection. The inspection information listed at the beginning of the building inspection report namely report information shall apply. Including the date and time of inspection, agreement number, who the report is prepared for and the description of the property inspected. **THIS IS A VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY** in accord with the requirements of AS4349.3-2010 - Inspection of buildings Part 3: Timber Pest Inspections.

## Summary Only

### **Important Disclaimer**

**Important disclaimer:** This summary and the opinion are 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. The report is subject to terms and limitations. Note: It is essential that you read the entire report; other inspectors may have and are entitled to different opinions in relation to this dwelling. Note: This report should not be relied upon if the contract for sale becomes binding more than 30 days after the date of initial inspection. A re-inspection after this time is essential.

## 1.1 Access to Areas

### **Areas where Access Should be Gained**

No. Please read the report in its entirety.

## 1.2 Timber Pest Activity

### **Was there any Termite Workings or Damage Found**

No: Of the areas able to be inspected there were no termite workings or termite damage visible. Please read this report in its entirety.

### **Were Any Live or Active Termites Found**

No: Please read this report in its entirety

### **NOTE**

Note: Any evidence of termite activity or workings in the grounds or building structure assumes that the risk to buildings is extremely high. We strongly recommend a treatment to eradicate the termites and to protect the building.

### **Any Visible Borer of seasoned Timbers Found**

No: Please read this report in its entirety.

### **Any Damage caused by Wood Decay, Rot Found**

Yes: please read this report in its entirety.

### **Evidence Of Chemical Delignification**

No: Please read this report in its entirety.

### **NOTE**

For complete and accurate information please refer to the attached complete visual timber pest report, provided in accord with as 4349.3-2010



**Are further inspections recommended**

No: Please read this report in its entirety.

**Where any major safety hazards identified**

No: Please read this report in its entirety.

**Susceptibility of this property to timber pests**

In our opinion, the susceptibility of this property to timber pests is considered to be MODERATE. Read the report in full.

**Is a Invasive Inspection Recommended**

No: Please read this report in its entirety.

**1.3 Brief Description of the Structure Inspected****Building Type**

Please refer to the description of the property outlined in the Building Inspection section of this report.

**Terms and Limitations****Important Information**

Any person who relies upon the contents of this report does so acknowledging that the following clauses, which define the scope and limitations of the inspection, form an integral part of the report.

**1. This is a visual inspection only in accord with the requirements of as 4349.3 Inspection of buildings part 3: Timber pest inspections.** This visual inspection was limited to those areas and sections of the property to which reasonable access (see definition) was both available and permitted on the date of inspection. The inspection did not include breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including, but not limited to, foliage, mouldings, roof insulation/sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, ceilings, floors, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions. The inspector cannot see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, inside the eaves, behind stored goods in cupboards, in other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector did not dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures. An invasive inspection will not be performed unless a separate contract is entered into. In an occupied property it must be understood that furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of timber pests, which may only be revealed when the items are moved or removed. In the case of strata type properties only the interior of the unit is inspected.

**2. Scope of report:** This report is confined to reporting on the discovery, or non-discovery, of infestation and/or damage caused by subterranean and dampwood termites (white ants), borers of seasoned timber and wood decay fungi (hereinafter referred to as 'timber pests'), present on the date of the inspection. The inspection did not cover any other pests and this report does not comment on them. Dry wood termites (family: Kalotermitidae) and European house borer (hylotrupes bujulus Linnaeus) were excluded from the inspection, but have been reported on if, in the course of the inspection, any visual evidence of infestation happened to be found. If cryptotermes brevis (West Indian dry wood termite) or hylotrupes bujulus Linnaeus are discovered we are required by law to notify government authorities. If reported a special purpose report may be necessary.

**3. Hidden damage:** If timber pest activity and/or damage is found, within the structures or the grounds of the property, then damage may exist in concealed areas, e.g. framing timbers. An invasive inspection is strongly recommended in this case. Damage may only be found when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed to reveal previously concealed timbers.

**4. Accesibility:** A further inspection is strongly recommended of those areas that were not readily accessible and of inaccessible or obstructed areas once access has been provided or the obstruction removed. At the request of the named client on this report and with the written consent of the vendor, we will revisit the site and re-Inspect the obstructed Areas at no cost to you.



**5. Limitations:** Nothing contained in the report implies that any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property being inspected by the inspector on the date of the inspection were not, or have not been, infested by timber pests. Accordingly this report is not a guarantee that an infestation and/or damage does not exist in any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property. Nor is it a guarantee that a future infestation of timber pests will not occur or be found.

**6. Determining extent of damage:** The report is not a structural damage report. Any observations or recommendations about timber damage should not be taken as expert opinion and cannot be relied upon. The report will not state the full extent of any timber pest damage. The report will state timber damage found as slight, moderate, moderate to extensive or extensive. This information is not the opinion of an expert. If any evidence of timber pest activity and/or damage resulting from timber pest activity is reported either in the structure(s) or the grounds of the property, then you must assume that there may be concealed structural damage within the building(s). This concealed damage may only be found when wall linings, cladding or insulation is removed to reveal previously concealed timbers. An invasive timber pest inspection (for which a separate contract is required) is strongly recommended and you should arrange for a separate inspection by a qualified builder, engineer, or architect to carry out a structural inspection and to determine the full extent of the damage and the extent of repairs that may be required. You agree that either we or the individual conducting the inspection is responsible or liable for the repair of any damage whether disclosed by the report or not.

**7. Mould:** Mildew and non-wood decay fungi is commonly known as mould and is not considered a timber pest. However, mould and their spores may cause health problems or allergic reactions such as asthma and dermatitis in some people. No inspection for mould was carried out at the property and no report on the presence or absence of mould is provided. Should any evidence of mould happen to be noticed during the inspection, it will be noted in the other information (5.11) Section of this report. If mould is noted as present within the property and you are concerned as to the possible health risk resulting from its presence then you should seek advice from your local council, state or commonwealth government health department or a qualified expert such as an industry hygienist.

**8. Disclaimer of liability:** No liability shall be accepted on account of failure of the report to notify any termite activity and/or damage present at or prior to the date of the report in any areas(s) or section(s) of the subject property physically inaccessible for inspection, or to which access for inspection is denied by or to the licensed inspector (including but not limited to any area(s) or section(s) so specified by the report).

**9. Disclaimer of liability to third parties:** Compensation will only be payable for losses arising in contract or tort sustained by the client named on the front of this report. Any third party acting or relying on this report, in whole or in part, do so entirely at his or her own risk.

**10. Complaints procedure:** In the event of any dispute or claim arising out of, or relating to the inspection or the report, you must notify us as soon as possible of the dispute or claim by email, fax or mail. You must allow us (which includes persons nominated by us) to visit the property (which visit must occur within twenty eight (28) days of your notification to us) and give us full access in order that we may fully investigate the complaint. You will be provided with a written response to your dispute or claim within twenty eight (28) days of the date of the inspection.

If you are not satisfied with our response you must within twenty one (21) days of your receipt of our written response refer the matter to a mediator nominated by us from the institute of arbitrators and mediators of Australia. The cost of the mediator will be borne equally by both parties or as agreed as part of the mediated settlement.

Should the dispute or claim not be resolved by mediation then the dispute or claim will proceed to arbitration. The institute of arbitrators and mediators of Australia will appoint an arbitrator who will hear and resolve the dispute. The arbitration, subject to any directions of the arbitrator, will proceed in the following manner:

**A)** the parties must submit all written submissions and evidence to the arbitrator within twenty one (21) days of the appointment of the arbitrator; and

**B)** the arbitration will be held within twenty one (21) days of the arbitrator receiving the written submissions.

The arbitrator will make a decision determining the dispute or claim within twenty one (21) of the final day of the arbitration. The arbitrator may, as part of his determination, determine what costs, if any, each of the parties are to pay and the time by which the parties must be paid any settlement or costs. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding on both parties. Should the arbitrator order either party to pay any settlement amount or costs to the other party but not specify a time for payment then such payment shall be made within twenty one (21) days of the order.

In the event you do not comply with the above complaints procedure and commence litigation against us then you agree to fully indemnify us against any awards, costs, legal fees and expenses incurred by us in having your litigation set aside or adjourned to permit the foregoing complaints procedure to complete.

**11. Complaint investigation:** In the event any litigation is started as a result of the inspection and/or report, you indemnify us against any legal fees and expenses incurred where you have not first allowed us the opportunity to visit the property to investigate the complaint and provide you with a written response within 28 days.

## **2. Visual Timber Pest Inspection Report**

### **Important Information**

For complete and accurate information please refer to the attached complete visual timber pest report, provided in accord with AS 4349.3-2010

### **2.1 Brief Description of Areas Inspected**

#### **NOTE**

Only structures, fences & or trees within 30m of the building but within the property boundaries were inspected.

#### **The areas inspected were**

Please refer to the Inspected and restricted areas in the Building Inspection section of this report.

### **2.2 Areas Not Inspected**

#### **Please Note**

No inspection was made, and no report is submitted, of inaccessible areas. These include, but may not be limited to, cavity walls, concealed frame timbers behind tiled walls or other coverings such as Gyprock, Fibrous cement sheeting and any paneled/cladded wall, eaves, flat roofs, fully enclosed patios sub-floors, soil concealed by concrete floors, fireplace hearths, wall linings, landscaping, rubbish, floor coverings, furniture, pictures, appliances, stored items, insulation, hollow blocks/posts, etc. The inspection did not include obstructed areas, not readily accessible and inaccessible areas at the time in inspection which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed areas at the time of inspection. Locked and restricted areas were not inspected. Removing furnishings and obstructions which may be concealing evidence of defects is outside the scope of this inspection. It is strongly recommended that all obstructions be removed and full access be provided as defects may exist in these areas.

#### **Unable to Inspect**

All visible and unobstructed areas were inspected.

No inspection made or report submitted to any concealed timber frames.



## **2.4 House furnishings**

### **Please Note**

Where a property is furnished at the time of the inspection then you must understand that the furnishings and stored goods may be concealing evidence of timber pest activity. This evidence may only be revealed when the property is vacated. A further inspection of the vacant property is strongly recommended in this case no inspection was made and no report is submitted, of inaccessible areas. If a complete inspection of the areas in the dwelling was not possible, termite activity and/or damage may exist in these areas and nothing in this report implies that any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property being inspected by me on the date of the inspection were not, or have not been infested by timber pests. Accordingly, this report does not report on inaccessible areas. This includes but may not be limited to concealed frame timbers, eaves, areas concealed by concrete floors, wall linings, soil, landscaping, rubbish, floor coverings (carpet lino etc.), Furniture, pictures, appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, washing machines, ovens, microwave ovens, heating and cooling units etc.), Stored items (clothes on floor, boxes on floor and against walls, beds against walls and the like), insulation, hollow blocks/columns/posts/poles or other architectural hollow structures. Furnishings found at this dwelling were not inspected and do not form part of this inspection.

### **Was the dwelling Furnished**

The dwelling was fully furnished.

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## TIMBER PEST FINDINGS

### 3. Subterranean Termites

#### **Were Active or Live Termites Visible**

No. Of the visible and accessible areas inspected, there were no visible termites found at the time of the inspection.

### 3.1 Termite Nests

#### **Was a Termite Nest Found**

No termite nests found at time of inspection.

### 3.2 Subterranean Termite Damage or workings

#### **Any workings or damage found**

No. Of the visible and accessible areas inspected, no termite working or timber damage found at the time of the inspection.

We claim no expertise in building and if any evidence or damage has been reported then you must have a building expert determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs or timber replacement (See Terms & Limitations)

#### **Please Note**

Where evidence of termite activity was found in the grounds then the risk to buildings is extremely high. A treatment to eradicate the termites and to protect the building(s) should be carried out in the first instance.

#### **Extent Of Damage**

We claim no expertise in building and if any evidence or damage has been reported then you must have a building expert determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs or timber replacement (See Terms & Limitations).

#### **If damage is visible does it present a safety risk**

**Important Note:** Where a Major Safety Hazard is identified above, it must be attended to and/or rectified to avoid the possibility of personal injury &/or death. VERY Important: If live termites or any evidence of termite workings or damage was reported above within the building(s) or in the ground and fences then it must be assumed that there may be concealed termite activity and/or timber damage. This concealed activity or damage may only be found when alterations are carried out such as when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed or if you arrange for an invasive inspection. We claim no expertise in structural engineering or building. We strongly recommend that you have a qualified person such as a Builder, Engineer, Architect or other qualified expert in the building trade determine the full extent of the damage, if any. This may require an invasive inspection. We take no responsibility for the repair of any damage whether disclosed by this report or not. (See Terms & Limitations). Where visual evidence of termite workings and/or damage is reported above, but no live termites were present at the time of inspection, you must realize that it is possible that termites are still active in the immediate vicinity and the termites may continue to cause further damage. It is not possible, without benefit of further investigation and a number of inspections over a period of time, to ascertain whether any infestation is active or inactive. Active termites may simply have not been present at the time of inspection due to a prior disturbance, climatic conditions, or they may have been utilizing an alternative feeding source. Continued, regular, inspections are essential. Unless written evidence of a termite protection program in accord with "Australian Standard 3660" with ongoing inspections is provided, you must arrange for a treatment in accord with "Australian Standard 3660" to be carried out immediately to reduce the risk of further attack. General remarks: A more thorough INVASIVE INSPECTION is available (refer to section 9 of the terms and conditions). Where any current visible evidence of Timber Pest activity is found it is strongly recommended that a more invasive inspection be performed. Trees and stumps on the property with a diameter more than 100mm have been visually inspected for evidence of termite activity to a height of 2m where access was possible and practical. It is very difficult, and generally impossible to locate termite nests since they are underground and evidence in trees is usually well concealed. We therefore strongly recommend that you arrange to have trees test drilled for evidence of termite nests.

### **3.3 Any Evidence of a Previous Termite Treatment**

#### **Any Evidence of previous Treatments Found**

No, there was no visible evidence or a previous termite treatment was located at the property.

#### **Warning**

Warning: If evidence of drill holes in concrete or brickwork or other signs of a possible previous treatment are reported then the treatment was probably carried out because of an active termite attack. Extensive structural damage may exist in concealed areas. You should have an invasive inspection carried out and have a builder determine the full extent of any damage and the estimated cost of repairs as the damage may only be found when wall linings etc. are removed. Normally if a termite treatment has been carried out then a durable notice should be located in the meter box indicating the type of termite shield system, treated zone or combination has been installed.

### **3.4 Durable Notice**

#### **Was a Treatment Notice Found**

No, a durable notice was not found during the inspection.

#### **Please Note**

This firm can give no assurances with regard to work that may have been previously performed by other firms. You should obtain copies of all paperwork and make your own inquiries as to the quality of the treatment, when it was carried out and warranty information. In most cases you should arrange for a treatment in accord with Australian Standard 3660 be carried out to reduce the risk of further attack.

### **3.5 Timber Fungal Decay - Rot**

#### **Evidence of Wood Decay Fungi -Rot**

Yes, in the following areas ,

Retaining wall/s.

### **Extent of Damage Caused by Rot**

The extent of rot damage is considered to be low.

If any evidence of fungal decay or damage is reported you should consult a building expert determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs or timber replacement (see terms & limitations).

### **Does the damage present a Major Safety Hazard**

No, the damage does not present a major safety hazard.

Important Note: Where a Major Safety Hazard is identified above, it must be attended to and/or rectified to avoid the possibility of personal injury & or death. We claim no expertise in building and if any evidence of fungal decay or damage is reported you should consult a building expert to determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs or timber replacement.

## **3.6 Chemical Delignification**

### **Was there any visible evidence of chemical delignification?**

No evidence of chemical delignification was seen at the time of inspection.

## **3.7 Borer Findings**

### **Borer Information**

Borer information: *Lyctus brunneus* (powder post beetle) is not considered a significant pest of timber. Damage is confined to the sapwood so treatment or timber replacement is not usually required. However you should have a building expert investigate if any timber replacement is required. *Anobium punctatum* (furniture beetle) and *calymmaderus incisus* (Queensland pine beetle) must always be considered active unless proof of treatment is provided because one cannot determine conclusively if activity has ceased. Total timber replacement of all susceptible timbers is recommended. An alternate choice is treatment however, the evidence and damage will remain and the treatment may need to be carried out each year for up to three years.

### **Was Visible Evidence of Borer Damage Found**

No evidence of borer damage was found at the time of inspection.

### **Please Note**

If any evidence or damage has been reported then you must have a building expert determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs or timber replacement (see terms & limitations). Borer activity is usually determined by the presence of exit holes and/or frass. Since a delay exists between the time of initial infestation and the appearance of these signs, it is possible that some borer activity may exist that is not discernible at the time of inspection.

## **3.8 Borer Recommendations**

### **Borer Recommendations**

No treatment recommended at this stage.

Note: Only *lyctus* borer/powder post borer, pin-hole borer and furniture beetle presence is inspected.



## CONDUCTIVE CONDITIONS

### 4. Conductive Conditions to Timber Pests

#### **Water leaks**

There was water leakage detected during the inspection from the hot water overflow. This should be diverted away from the dwellings walls or into a drain.

#### **Please Note**

Water leaks, especially in or into the sub-floor or against the external walls ie: Leaking taps, water tanks or downpipes and or guttering, increases the likelihood of termite attack. Leaking showers or leaks from other wet areas also increase the likelihood of concealed termite attack. These conditions are also conducive to borer activity and wood decay. If any leaks were reported then you must have a qualified plumber or other building expert to determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs prior to the contract of sale becoming binding.

### 4.1 Hot Water Unit Overflow

#### **Please Note**

Hot water services and air conditioning units which release water alongside or near to building walls need to be connected to a drain (if this is not possible then their water outlet needs to be piped several meters away from the building) as the resulting wet area is highly conducive to termites.

Water tanks should not leak and the overflow should be adequately connected to storm water. A plumber should be engaged if the water tank overflow is not connected to storm water.

#### **Was the overflow sufficiently drained**

No. Divert hot water overflow away from the building perimeter.



**Was the Water tank Overflow connected to Storm**

Yes. The overflow does not drain to the perimeter of the building.

**Was the Air Conditioner Sufficiently Drained**

No - Divert A/C overflow away from the building perimeter.



## **4.2 Moisture Readings**

### **Was there any Excessive Moisture Readings**

At the time of the inspection, our electronic moisture meter readings were normal.

### **Please Note**

High moisture readings can be caused by any one of the following: Poor ventilation, ineffective drainage, leaking pipes, leaking roofs, defective flashing or by concealed termite activity. The areas of high moisture should be investigated by way of an invasive inspection. If high moisture was reported then you must have a building expert investigate the moisture and its cause and determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs prior to contracts becoming binding.

### **Equipment Of Moisture detection used**

If high moisture was reported then you must have a building expert investigate the moisture and its cause and determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs prior to contracts becoming binding.

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## **4.3 Sub Floor Ventilation**

### **Sub-floor Ventilation is Generally**

Not applicable - Slab construction.

#### **4.4 Slab Edge Exposure**

##### **Is the Slab Edge adequately Exposed**

Yes in some areas.

#### **4.5 Weep Holes and Sub Floor Vents**

##### **Were the weep holes Clear of debris**

No. The weep holes were obstructed. It is recommended that the weep holes be exposed.

##### **Were the vents clear**

Not applicable to this type of construction.

#### **5. Ant Capping and Termite Shields**

##### **The Termite Shields Appear To Be**

Not applicable

##### **Please Note**

Termite shields (Ant Caps) should be in good order and condition so termite workings are exposed and visible. This helps stop termites gaining undetected entry. Missing, damaged or poor shields increase the risk of termite infestation. If considered inadequate a builder or other building expert should be consulted for further advice and recommendation.

#### **6. Areas Found Conducive To Termite Infestation**

##### **Conductive Areas Requiring Amendments**

Air conditioner overflow requires diverting to drain. This provides conducive conditions for termite infestation.

Hot water unit overflow not connected to drain. This provides conducive conditions for termite infestation.

The slab edge is not exposed. The slab edge must be exposed at least 75mm so that a thorough inspection can be conducted for any termite infestation/entry points.

#### **7. Environmental Conditions**

##### **Are Trees Close to Home**

No.

#### **8. Thermal Imaging Results**

##### **Observation**

An infrared thermal imager was utilised during the inspection. No thermal anomalies were detected during this inspection, 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.





## OVERALL ASSESSMENT

### 9. Overall Assessment of Property

#### **Please Note**

Where or if there has been evidence of live termites or termite damage or termite workings (mudding) found in the building(s) then the risk of a further attack is extremely high. Where evidence of live termites or termite damage or termite workings was found in the grounds but not in the buildings then the risk to buildings must be reported as high to extremely high.

#### **Degree of Risk of Termite Infestation is**

The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation to this property appears to be moderate.

The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation is a subjective assessment by the inspector at the time of the inspection taking into account many factors which include but are in no way limited to location and proximity to bush land and trees, the presence of evidence of timber pest damage or activity close to the inspected structure or within the inspected structure, conducive conditions that raise the potential of timber pest attack such as timbers in contact with soil, inaccessible areas, slab on ground construction etc, or other factors that in the inspectors opinion, raise the risk of future timber pest attack. It should be noted that even if a risk factor is high, this is not meant to deter a purchaser from purchasing the property, it is just to make them aware that increased vigilance is warranted and any recommendations regarding reducing conducive conditions or frequency of inspections should be headed by any property owner. Often, by reducing or eliminating some of the conducive conditions, the risk factor may be lowered.

### 10. Subterranean Termite Treatment Recommendation

#### **Treatment Recommendation**

A management program in accord with AS 3660 to protect against subterranean termites is considered to be strongly recommended.

### 11. Future Inspections

#### **Future Inspections**

Future inspections: As 3660 Recommends that inspections be carried out at intervals no greater than 12 months and where timber pest "pressure" is greater, this interval should be shortened. Inspections will not stop timber pest infestations; however, the damage which may be caused will be reduced when the infestation is found at an early stage. Due to the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation noted above and all other findings of this report, we strongly recommend that a full inspection and written report in accord with as 4349.3 or as 3660 be conducted with in the time frame proposed below.

#### **Recommended Inspection Intervals**

12 Months.



## **12. General Remarks**

### **Terms And Conditions**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

In relying upon this report you should read and understand the following important information. It will help explain what is involved in a timber pest inspection, the difficulties faced by a timber pest inspector and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is free of timber pests. It also details important information about what you can do to help protect your property from timber pest attack. This information forms an integral part of the report.

**1.0 DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this inspection, the definitions below apply.

**1.1 Active** - The presence of live timber pests at the time of inspection.

**1.2 Inactive** - The absence of live timber pests at the time of inspection.

Note: Where visual evidence of inactive termite workings and/or damage is located, it is possible that termites are still active in the immediate vicinity and the termites may continue to cause further damage. It is not possible, without the benefit of further investigation and inspections over a period of time, to ascertain whether any infestation is active or inactive. Continued, regular inspections are essential.

**1.3 Minor** - Damage that is superficial and does not appear to require any timber replacement or repairs to be carried out.

**1.4 Moderate** - Damage that is more than surface damage and it is likely to necessitate timber repairs with possible replacement (if more economical or for aesthetic reasons) to be carried out.

**1.5 Severe** - Damage that appears to be significant and the integrity or serviceability of timbers may be impaired. Usually timbers will have to be repaired and/or replaced.

**1.6 Timber Damage** - It is essential that any timber damage noted in the report be referred to a suitably qualified building professional and obtain a special purpose building report relating to the extent of the timber damage. The full extent of damage may only be revealed by invasive inspection methods including probing and the removal of lining materials. This type of invasive inspection has not been carried out and you should understand that the extent and/or severity of timber damage may be found to increase significantly on such an invasive inspection. The references contained within this report that may refer to the extent of timber damage have only been included to assist in determining treatment specifications and not to quantify the damage and must not be relied upon to determine the costs of repair or replacement.

**2.0 REASONABLE ACCESS:** Only areas where reasonable access was available were inspected. The Australian Standard AS3660 refers to AS4349.3-2010 which defines reasonable access. Access will not be available where there are safety concerns, or obstructions, or the space available is less than the following:

**ROOF SPACE** - the dimensions of the access hole must be at least 500mm x 400mm, and, reachable by a 3.6M ladder, and, there is at least 600mm x 600mm of space to crawl.

**SUBFLOOR** - the dimensions of the access hole must be at least 500mm x 400mm and, there is at least 400mm of space to crawl beneath the lowest part of any bearer and at least 500mm below any concrete member.

**ROOF EXTERIOR** - must be accessible by a 3.6M ladder placed safely on the ground.

Reasonable access does not include the use of destructive or invasive inspection methods. Nor does reasonable access include cutting or making access traps, or moving heavy furniture or stored goods.

**3.0 A MORE INVASIVE AND PHYSICAL INSPECTION IS AVAILABLE AND RECOMMENDED:** This inspection was a visual inspection only. As detailed above, there are many limitations to this visual inspection. With the written permission of the owner of the premises we will perform a more invasive physical inspection that involves moving or lifting of insulation, moving stored items, furniture or foliage during the inspection. We will physically touch, tap, test and where necessary force/gouge suspected accessible timbers. We will gain access to areas, where physically possible and considered practical and necessary, by way of cutting traps and access holes. This style of report is available by ordering with several days notice. Inspection time for this report will be greater than for a visual inspection. It involves disruption in the case of an occupied property, and some permanent marking is likely. You must arrange for the written permission of the owner and must acknowledge all the above information and confirm that our firm will not be held liable for any damage caused to the property. Price available on request.

**4.0 CONCRETE SLAB HOMES (Part or full slab)** Homes constructed on concrete slabs pose special problems with respect to detecting termite attack. If the edge of the slab is concealed by garden beds, lawns, paths, pavers or any other obstructions then it is possible for termites to effect concealed entry into the property. They can then cause extensive damage to concealed framing timbers before being detected. Even the most experienced inspector may be unable to detect their presence due to concealment by wall linings or other obstructions. Only when the termites attack timbers in the roof void, which may be concealed by insulation, or some other visible timbers, can their presence be detected. Where termite damage is located in the roof it should be expected that concealed framing timbers (if present) may be extensively damaged. With a concrete slab home (part or full) it is imperative that you expose the edge of the slab. This may involve the excavation of soil or the complete removal of garden beds, paths, pavers or other features which concealed the slab edge. It is recommended that at least 75 millimetres of the slab edge above ground level remain exposed at all times to facilitate the detection of termite entry. Weep holes must also be kept free of obstructions at all times.

**5.0 EVIDENCE OF TERMITE DAMAGE:** Where evidence of termite damage was noted in any structure or on the grounds of the property, you must understand that termite damage or activity may exist in concealed areas. Termites are secretive by nature and they will often temporarily desert their workings to later return. As damage or activity may exist in concealed or inaccessible areas, a further INVASIVE INSPECTION is strongly recommended, see Section 3.0 - Further Invasive Inspections. Additionally, regular inspections are strongly recommended at intervals not exceeding 12 monthly and more frequently if recommended.

**6.0 SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES:** No Property is safe from termites! Termites are the cause of the greatest economic losses of timber in service in Australia. Independent data compiled by State Forests shows 1 in every 4 homes are attacked by termites at some stage in their life. Australia's subterranean termite species are the most destructive timber pests in the world.

How termites attack your home! The most destructive species live in large underground nests containing several hundred thousand timber-destroying insects. The problem arises when a nest matures near your home. Your home provides natural shelter and a food source for the termites. The gallery system of a single termite colony may exploit food sources over as much as one hectare, with individual galleries extending up to 50 metres or more to enter your home. Concrete slabs do not act as a barrier as termites can penetrate cracks through the slab or over the slab edge and once in contact with the timber they can excavate it often leaving only a thin veneer on the outside. If left undiscovered the economic species can cause many thousands of dollars damage and can be costly to treat.

**7.0 BORERS OF DRY SEASONED TIMBERS:** Borers are the larval stage of various species of beetle. The adult beetles lay their eggs within the timber. The eggs hatch out into larvae that bore through the timber. The larvae may reside totally concealed within the timber for a period of several years before passing into a dormant pupal stage. Within the pupal case they metamorphose (change) into the adult beetle that cuts a hole in the outer surface of the timber to emerge, mate and lay further eggs to continue the cycle. It is only through the presence of these emergence holes that their presence can be detected. Refer to this report (if applicable) for further information.

Anobium punctatum borer (furniture beetle). Commonly attack softwood flooring timbers, shelving timbers and timber panelling. They have the potential to cause severe timber damage if left untreated for many years. Attack by this beetle is usually observed in timbers that have been in service for 10 to 20 years or more.

**Lyctus brunneus borer (powder post beetle).** These borers only attack the sapwood of certain susceptible species of hardwood timber. Since it is a requirement that the structural timbers contain no more than 25% Lyctus susceptible sapwood, these borers are not normally associated with structural damage. Replacement of affected timbers is not recommended and treatment is not approved or required.

**Queensland Pine Beetle borer.** These borers commonly attack flooring and wall timbers. It is not possible to determine with absolute certainty whether activity exists without destruction of the timbers. We therefore recommend that it would be prudent to assume that current borer activity is present unless written evidence is available to indicate that the property has been recently treated in respect to this borer. Replacement of affected timbers is always preferred as a long term solution since, in the event of selling the property in the future it is probable that an Inspector will report the borers as active (see above). A chemical treatment to control re-infestation may be considered a less effective and lower cost option. This treatment is applied to the underside of all soft pine flooring timbers and to other affected timbers as required.

**Non-Commercial borers** Are those borers that attack dead trees, logs and tree stumps. These borers are generally not considered to be a threat to timber in service (timber used in the buildings). No treatment is necessary for this species.

**8.0 FUNGAL DECAY (WOOD ROT)** Fungal decay is more commonly known as wood rot. Many problems with timber pests are related to excessive moisture because Termites and wood rot both require heat and moisture to survive. Small sections of minor decay can often be removed and the resulting hole filled with "Builders filler".

Areas of moderate decay will require sections of timber to be replaced. Where there is severe fungal decay the entire affected timber member should be replaced, preferably with treated hardwood.

Oregon timber is highly susceptible to Fungal Decay and should be kept well painted. Oregon was once used extensively to construct pergolas and carports and the like. The use of Oregon in external applications is generally considered to be unsuitable.

**9.0 MOULD:** Mildew and non-wood decay fungi is commonly known as Mould and is not considered to be a timber pest. However, Mould and their spores may cause health and allergic reactions such as asthma and dermatitis in some people. No inspection for Mould was carried out at the property and no report on the presence or absence of Mould is provided.

If Mould is noted as present within the property and you are concerned as to the possible health risk resulting from its presence then you should seek advice from your Local Council, State or Commonwealth Health Department or a qualified expert such as an Industry Hygienist.

**10.0 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE:** In the event of any dispute or claim arising out of, or relating to the Inspection or the Report, You must notify Us as soon as possible of the dispute or claim by email, fax or mail. You must allow Us (which includes persons nominated by Us) to visit the property (which visit must occur within twenty eight (28) days of your notification to Us) and give Us full access in order that We may fully investigate the complaint. You will be provided with a written response to your dispute or claim within twenty eight (28) days of the date of the inspection.

If You are not satisfied with our response You must within twenty one (21) days of Your receipt of Our written response refer the matter to a Mediator nominated by Us from the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators of Australia. The cost of the Mediator will be borne equally by both parties or as agreed as part of the mediated settlement.

In the event You do not comply with the above Complaints Procedure and commence litigation against Us then You agree to fully indemnify Us against any awards, costs, legal fees and expenses incurred by Us in having your litigation set aside or adjourned to permit the foregoing Complaints Procedure to complete.

**CONTACT THE INSPECTOR:** Please feel free to contact the inspector who carried out this inspection. Often it is very difficult to fully explain situations, problems, access difficulties, building faults, timber pest activity and damage or their importance in a manner that is readily understandable by the reader. Should you have any difficulty in understanding anything contained within this report then you should immediately contact the inspector and have the matter explained to you. If you have any questions at all or require clarification then contact the inspector prior to acting on this report.

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