



# Building Inspection Report

Inspection Date: Sat, 25 Jul 2020

Property Address: 25 Daren St, Beacon Hill NSW 2100, Australia



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If you have any queries with this report or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the person who carried out the inspection.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the pre-inspection agreement in place between the parties set out below, which set out the purpose and scope of the inspection, and the significant items that will be reported on. This Report reflects the opinion of the inspector on the day of inspection. It involves a subjective assessment so different inspectors or even the same inspector on a different occasion may reach different conclusions. This Report should be read in its entirety and in the context of the agreed scope of Services. It does not deal with every aspect of the Property. If there is a discrepancy between the summary findings and the body of the Report, the body of the Report will prevail. We recommend that you should promptly implement any recommendation or advice in this Report, including recommendations of further inspections by another specialist such as an engineer, surveyor or other trade or specific rectification or maintenance works. If you have any queries with this Report or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the person who carried out the inspection. This Report contains reference to material that is the copyright of Standards Australia reproduced under agreement with SAI Global to Jim's Building Inspections (Australia).

## The Parties

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## Special conditions or instructions

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

The following apply: Not Applicable

## Section A Results of inspection - summary

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

	Found	Not Found
<b>Safety Hazard</b>	✓	
<b>Major Defect</b>		✓
<b>Minor Defect</b>	✓	

Additional specialist inspections: Not Applicable

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

## Section B General

### General description of the property

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Building Type:	Residential
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Number of Storeys:	Single
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Main building – floor construction:	Timber with hardboard areas, Suspended Timber Frame, Concrete
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Main building – wall construction:	Cavity Brick, Brick Veneer
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Main building – roof construction:	Pitched, Timber Framed, Slate
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Other timber building elements:	Doors, Eaves, External Joinery, Floorboards, Internal Joinery, Landscaping Timbers and Construction, Skirting Boards, Window Frames, Porch / Patio, Veranda Posts
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Other building elements:	Driveway, Fence - Post and Rail Construction, Footpath, Pergola, Pool, Fence - Brick, Garage
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Occupancy status:	Occupied
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Furnished:	Furnished
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Strata or company title properties:	Unknown
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Orientation (to establish the way the property was viewed):	West
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Prevailing weather conditions at the time of inspection:	Fine
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## Section C Accessibility

### Areas Inspected

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

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

The following areas were inaccessible:

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

### Obstructions and Limitations

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

- Above safe working height
- Appliances and equipment
- Areas of skillion or flat roof - no access
- Ceiling linings
- External concrete or paving
- Fixed ceilings
- Fixed Furniture - Built-in Cabinetry
- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Insulation
- Lack of natural or acceptable lighting
- Landscaping
- No safe point from which to access roof exterior
- Old disused HWS in roof cavity incl associated plumbing
- Pipework
- Rugs
- Sarking
- Stored items, built in cabinetry, furniture and personal items obscured approximately 50% of every room.
- Vehicles
- Wall linings

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

## Undetected defect risk

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

The risk of undetected defects is:

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

## Section D Significant Items

### Safety Hazard

#### Defects 1.01

Building: Building 1  
Location: Yard - Back  
Finding: Incomplete or substandard works  
Information: The works to this area appear to be incomplete or have been completed to a substandard level.

Works that have not been completed to a satisfactory level create potential for the development of building defects and may impede on the safety and integrity of the overall structure.

It is recommended that the relevant trades be appointed to complete these works and ensure the safety of the area and the longevity of all associated building elements.

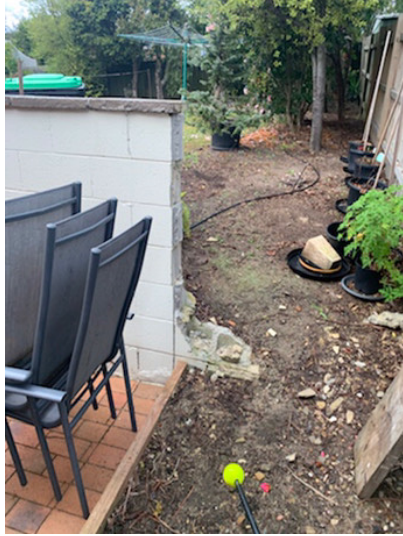




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### Major Defect

No evidence was found.



## Minor Defect

### Defects 3.01

Building: Building 1

Location: Subfloor

Finding: Subfloor - Debris

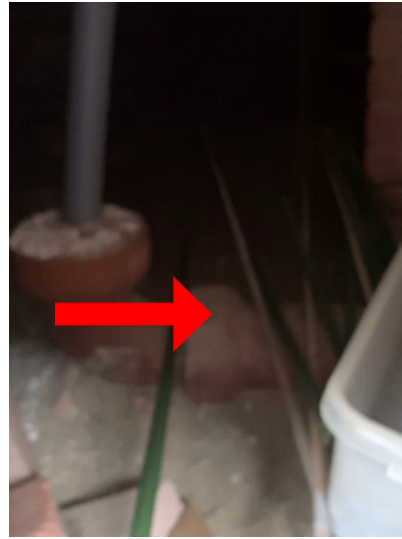
Information: An array of debris was found in the subfloor area at the time of inspection. Debris in this area restricts subfloor ventilation and creates potential for concealed pest entry. Stored timbers and other materials may also make the area susceptible to termite activity and wood rot.

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

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



## Section D Significant Items



### Defects 3.02

Building: Building 1  
Location: Yard - Side  
Finding: Evidence of excessive moisture was present at the time of inspection  
Information: Excessive moisture can attract termites and produce conditions that promote termite attack fungal growth and wood decay.

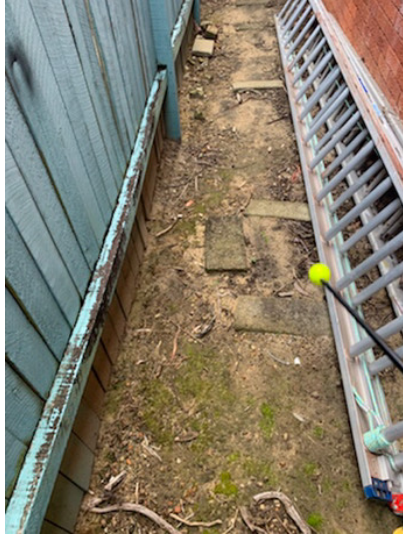
Excessive moisture is generally caused by deteriorated inadequate or missing roof drainage leaking plumbing pipes or fixtures poorly plumbed HWS overflows or condenser units and poor site drainage.

It is recommended that all plumbing and drainage fixtures and fittings be maintained regularly in order to prevent excessive moisture being present in the external / internal property.





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### Defects 3.03

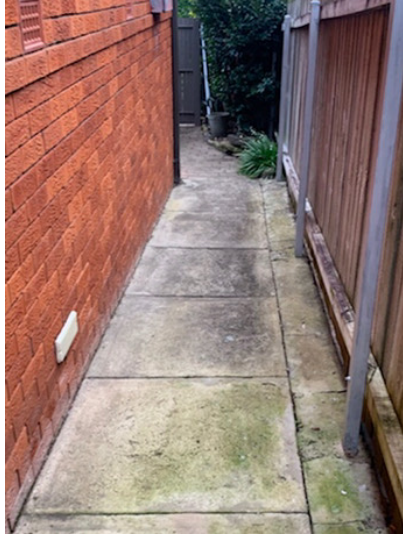
Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Back
Finding:	Cracking - External Concrete Paving Damage Category 1 - Fine (less than 2mm)
Information:	Fine cracks were identified in external concrete paving. Although fine cracks are quite noticeable, they are often only considered to be an appearance defect, and usually do not indicate any structural damage. To be considered a Category 1 or fine crack, the crack is found to be <2mm in width.

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

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### Defects 3.04

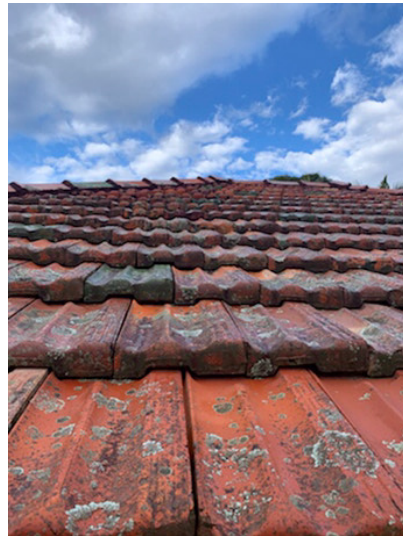
Building:	Building 1
Location:	Roof Exterior
Finding:	Roof tiles - Weathered
Information:	Upon inspection of the exterior roofing, the roof tiles were considered to be in a fair condition. While weathering of the tiles is consistent with the age of the property, maintenance works are required.

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

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



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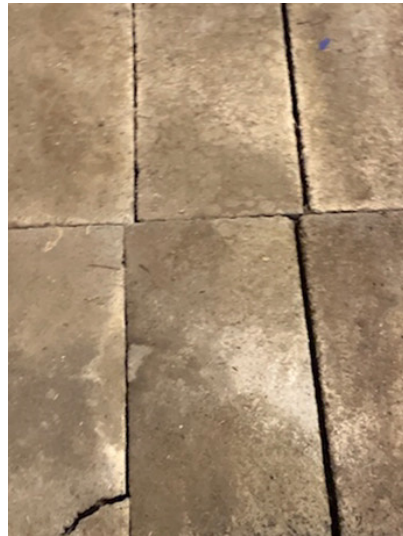
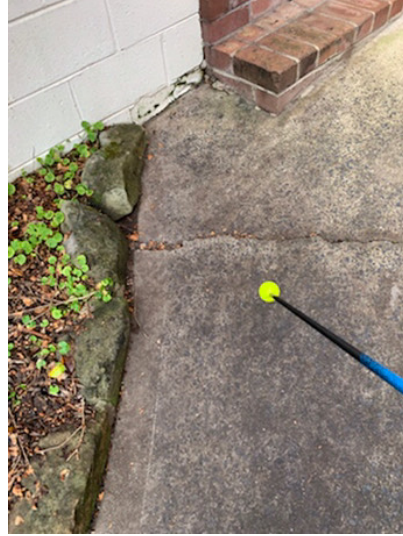
### Defects 3.05

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Surface - Requires cleaning
Information:	Regular cleaning and maintenance improves the longevity of all building elements. A build up of dirt and debris can reduce the useful life of building materials and may result in earlier replacement of items being required.

Excessive dirt is also likely to lead to secondary hazards, including potential health hazards, as the building elements begin to harbour bacteria and/or mould.

Remedial cleaning is recommended in order to improve the appearance of this area as well as to counteract the development of bacteria. Such works can be performed by a cleaning contractor and should be completed at the discretion of the client.

## Section D Significant Items



## Defects 3.06

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Side
Finding:	Electrical fitting - Broken
Information:	The electrical fitting in this area was found to be broken at the time of inspection. Breakage occurs generally when the building materials have aged and decayed, but may also be indicative of impact damage to the building element (accidental or deliberate).

Left unmanaged, the fitting is unlikely to cause further damage to surrounding building elements. However, the broken fitting does expose electrical works, and may create a safety hazard if there is potential contact with persons in the area.

Repair and/or replacement of the broken fitting is advised. A Licensed electrician should be appointed to repair/replace the fitting immediately.



## Defects 3.07

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Yard - Front
Finding:	Subsidence - Local trees and vegetation
Information:	Trees and other vegetation can have a significant local effect on drying of soils. Over a number of years, especially during drought conditions, adjacent trees and vegetation may draw excessive moisture from the soils. The opposite may also occur, where swelling of the soil results when the trees decline or are removed.





## Defects 3.08

Building: Building 1

Location: Garage

Finding: Crack in concrete slab - Category 2

Information: A crack coded as Category 2 was identified in the slab. A Category 2 crack is described as a distinct crack, with the slab being noticeably curved or changed in level.

To be considered Category 2, the approximate width of the crack is <math><1.0\text{mm}</math>, or a change in offset of <math><10\text{mm}</math> when a 3m straight edge is placed over the defect.

Category 2 cracks to slabs should be monitored for a period of 12 months. At the end of the monitoring period, cracks rated greater than Category 2 are considered defects that require rectification.



## Defects 3.09

Building:	Building 1
Location:	Roof Void
Finding:	Sarking - Damaged
Information:	Sarking, a laminated aluminium foil applied to the interior of the roof covering, assists in insulating the property and acting as a vapour-barrier to the roof void and, subsequently, to the household.

Where sarking is damaged, both insulation and moisture protection of the property are inhibited. This creates a loss of energy and thus negatively impacts the energy efficiency of the property, allowing potential for moisture ingress from condensation or leaking roof tiles.

It is important to repair any holes or damaged sections of sarking to ensure that the building material is fully functional. A registered builder or qualified carpenter should be consulted to provide further advice on this defect and to perform rectification works at client discretion.



## D4 Further Inspections

We advise that you seek additional specialist inspections from a qualified and, where appropriate, licensed -  
 - Not Applicable

Jim's Building Inspections can put you in contact with qualified and licensed providers of these and other trades services. Please contact your inspector for recommendations, or visit [www.jims.net](http://www.jims.net).

## D5 Conclusion - Assessment of overall condition of property

The building when compared to others of similar age and construction at the time was in the condition documented in this report.

For further information, advice and clarification please contact Grant Tremlett on 0468 594 034

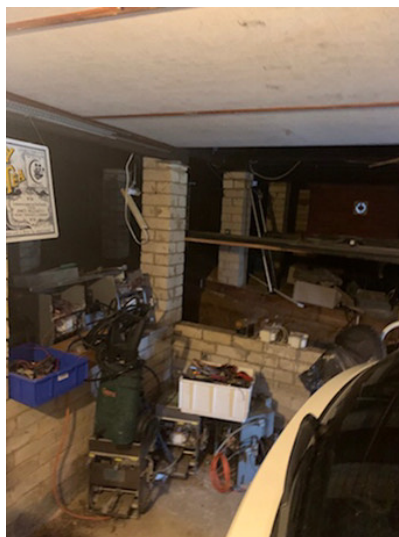
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### The following items were noted as - For your information

#### Noted Item

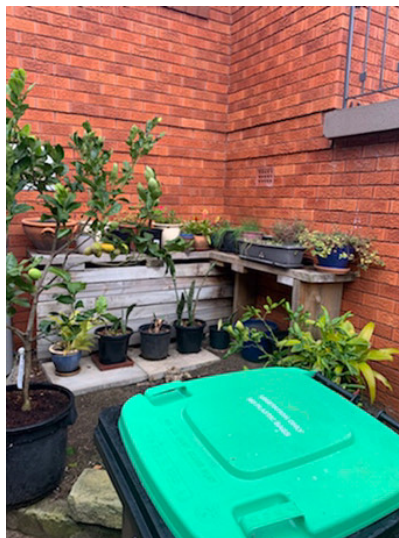
Building:	Building 1
Location:	All Areas
Finding:	Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations
Information:	These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection.

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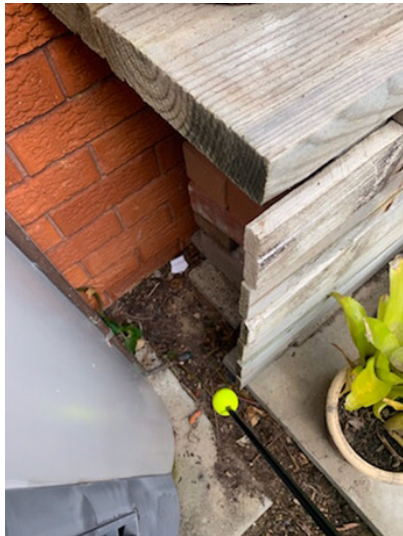
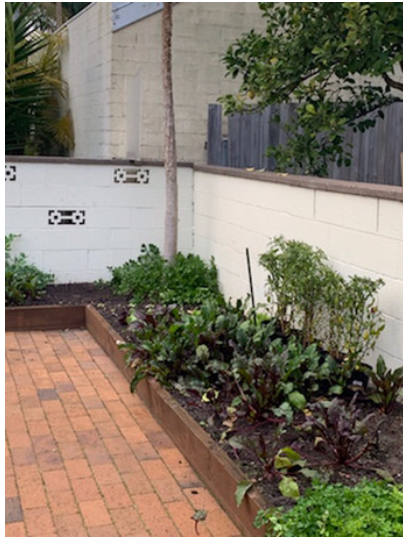




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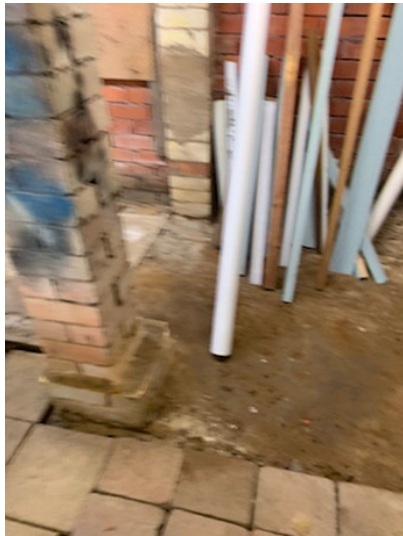


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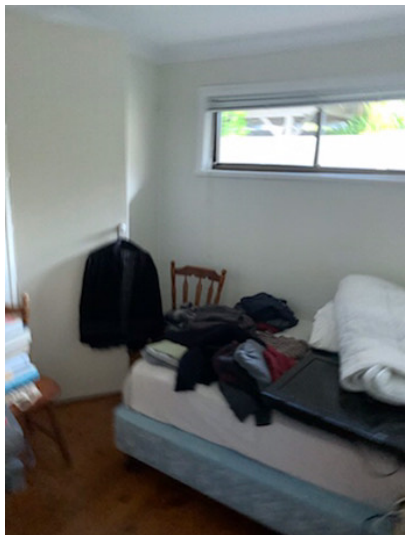
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## Noted Item

Building: Building 1  
Location: Roof Void  
Finding: Gravity-Fed HWS - Disconnected  
Information: It was noted at the time of inspection that a disconnected gravity-fed hot water system (HWS) remains in this area.

Despite this plumbing structure being unused, it is likely to be storing residual water, and is therefore susceptible to rust and corrosion. If allowed to continue, rust and corrosion is likely to lead to damage to adjoining building elements, and may also make the area susceptible to termite or timber pest activity.

While it is a costly exercise to remove the disused gravity-fed HWS, it is advisable in the short-term future to prevent any further damage to the area. Further consultation with a licensed plumber is required to gain further advice on removal of the structure.



## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Access hole (cover)	An opening in flooring or ceiling or other parts of a structure (such as service hatch, removable panel) to allow for entry to carry out an inspection, maintenance or repair.
Accessible area	An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.
Appearance defect	Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.
Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)	Asbestos-containing material (ACM) means any material or thing that, as part of its design, contains asbestos.
Building element	A portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function. NOTE: For example supporting, enclosing, furnishing or servicing building space.
Client	The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.
Defect	Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly, or component.
Detailed assessment	An assessment by an accredited sampler to determine the extent and magnitude of methamphetamine contamination in a property.
Inspection	Close and careful scrutiny of a building carried out without dismantling, in order to arrive at a reliable conclusion as to the condition of the building.
Inspector	Person or organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.
Limitation	Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.
Major defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.
Methamphetamine	An amphetamine-type stimulant that is highly addictive. Methamphetamine is a controlled substance, classified as a Class A (very high-risk) drug under the Misuse of Drug Act.
Methamphetamine contamination	A property or part of a property where the level of methamphetamine has been tested in accordance with this standard and found to exceed 0.5 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Residential) or 10 micrograms/100 cm <sup>2</sup> (Commercial).
Methamphetamine production/manufacture	The manufacture of methamphetamine, including processing, packaging, and storage of methamphetamine and associated chemicals.
Minor defect	A defect other than a major defect.
Roof space/Roof void	Space between the roof covering and the ceiling immediately below the roof covering.

## Definitions to help you better understand this report

Screening assessment	An assessment by a screening sampler to determine whether or not methamphetamine is present.
Serviceability defect	Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element.
Significant item	An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.
Site	Allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected.
Structural defect	Fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element.
Structural element	Physically distinguishable part of a structure. NOTE: For example wall, columns, beam, connection.
Subfloor space	Space between the underside of a suspended floor and the ground.
Urgent and Serious Safety Hazard	Building elements or situations that present a current or immediate potential threat of injury or disease to persons.



## Terms on which this report was prepared

This report has been prepared in accordance with and subject to the pre-purchase agreement in place between the parties, which forms part of this Report.

This Report is prepared for the client identified above and may not be relied on by any other person without our express permission or by the purchase of this Report on our website.

### SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCOPE, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IN YOUR PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND THIS REPORT

Any of the exclusions or limitations identified for this Report may be the subject of a special-purpose inspection which we recommend being undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector

### RELIANCE AND DISCLOSURE

This report has been prepared based on conditions at the time of the report.

We own the copyright in this report and may make it available to third parties.

If your Property is in the Australian Capital Territory, you acknowledge we will make certain information about this Report available to the ACT Government for inclusion in the building and pest inspections public register if required under the Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003. This will include the fact the report has been prepared, the Property street address, date of the inspection, the name of the person who prepared the report and (if applicable) the entity that employs them.

### UNDETECTED DEFECT RISK RATING

If this Report has identified a medium or high-risk rating for undetected defects, we strongly recommend a further inspection of areas that were inaccessible. This may include an invasive inspection that requires the removal or cutting of walls, floors or ceilings.

If the Property has been vacant for a period of time, moisture levels or leaks may not be detectable at the time of the inspection because often only frequent use of water pipes (showers, taps etc) result in a leak being identifiable. We advise further testing on pipes and water susceptible areas (such as the bathroom and laundry) after more frequent use has occurred.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

This is not a report by a licensed plumber or electrician. We recommend a special-purpose report to detect substandard or illegal plumbing and electrical work at the Property

This is not a smoke alarm report. We recommend all existing detectors in the Property be tested and advice sought as to the suitability of number, placement and operation.

This is not a pest report. As termites are widespread throughout mainland Australia we recommend annual timber pest inspections.

## Terms on which this report was prepared

This is not an asbestos report. There are potential products in the Property containing asbestos that will not be identified in this report. In order to accurately identify asbestos, we recommend performing an asbestos inspection, particularly for buildings built prior to 1988.

This is not a report on safety glass. Glazing in older homes may not reflect current standards and may cause significant injury if damaged. Exercise caution around the glass in older homes.

This is not a report on window opening restrictions. We have not inspected window opening restrictors. Window openings in older buildings may not reflect current standards and can be a potential risk. Window opening restrictors are advised for all second story or above windows with sill heights below 900mm. Some states make this a mandatory requirement. Owners should enquire of their local and state requirements to ensure compliance.

This is not a report on pool safety. If a swimming pool is present it should be the subject to a special purpose pool inspection.

### MOISTURE

The identification of moisture, dampness or the evidence of water penetration is dependent on the weather conditions at the time an inspection. The absence of dampness identified in this Report does not necessarily mean the Property will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions or that roofs, walls or wet areas are watertight.

Where the evidence of water penetration is identified we recommend detailed investigation of waterproofing in the surrounding area monitoring of the affected area over a period of time to fully detect and assess the cause of dampness.

### MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY

This Report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the Property in the future. Accordingly, a preventative maintenance program should be implemented which includes systematic inspections, detection and prevention of issues. Please contact the inspector who carried out this inspection for further advice.

### NO CERTIFICATION

- a) The Property has been compared to others of a similar age, construction type and method that had an acceptable level of basic maintenance completed.
- b) We don't advise you about title, ownership or other legal matters like easements, restrictions, covenants and planning laws. None of our inspections constitutes approval by a Building Surveyor, a certificate of occupancy or compliance with any law, regulation or standard, including any comment on whether the Property complies with current Australian Standards, Building Regulations or other legislative requirements.

### RECTIFICATION COSTS

We don't provide advice on the costs of rectification or repair unless specifically identified in the scope of the Report. Any cost advice provided verbally or in this report must be taken as of a general nature and is not to be relied on. Actual costs depend on the quality of materials, the standard of work, what price a contractor is prepared to do the work for and may be contingent on approvals, delays and unknown factors associated with third parties. No liability

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is accepted for costing advice.

