

BUILDING INSPECTION

Complies with Australian Standard AS 4349.1-2007 Inspection of Buildings Part 1: Pre-Purchase Inspections of Residential Buildings - Appendix C

Sep 04, 2016

PROPERTY ADDRESS

19 Bunberra St Cronulla, NSW 2230, Australia

Inspection Date: 04 Sep 2016 Inspected by:



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03 Description of Building

Type of Building:	Style of Building:	Number of Stories:
✓ Residential House	 Conventional single storey 	✓ Single Storey
Age of Building:	Roof Covering:	Roof Frame:
✓ Over 50 years old	 Corrugated Iron 	 Hardwood Pitched Roof
External Walls:	Floor Construction:	Internal Walls:
✓ Weather Board Walls	 Timber Floor on Brick Piers 	✓ Timber Framed Walls
Building Tenancy:	Building Furnished:	Building Frontage Faces:
 Occupied 	✓ Yes	✓ South



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04 General

Weather Conditions at the time of the inspection:

Dry

Recent weather conditions:

Raining

Date and time of inspection:

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05 Summary of Inspection

Results of Building Inspection - Summary

	Found	Not Found
Safety Hazard	\checkmark	
Major Defect		\checkmark
Minor Defect	\checkmark	

Please refer to the report for explanations.

The overall condition of this residential Dwelling in the context of its age, type and general expectations of similar properties is Average.

5.1 OVERVIEW:

The following summary below of **Satisfactory, Average and Poor** apply to the overall condition and to other areas of this Inspected Property if and when stated within this report document:

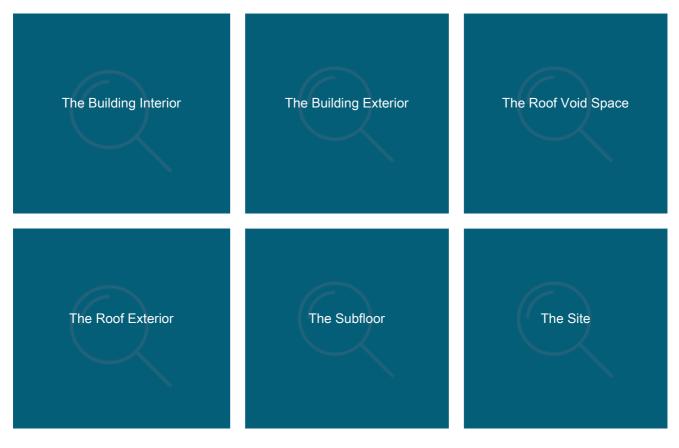
ROOF EXTERIOR THE EXTERIOR:	Average Average
THE SITE:	
a/ Retaining Walls:	Retaining walls over 700mm high will require inspection and certification from a Structural Engineer
b/ Drainage:	Average
c/ Outbuildings:	Not Applicable
THE SUB FLOOR SPACE:	Average
THE ROOF VOID SPACE:	Average
THE INTERIOR	Average
OVERALL CONDITION	Average

Note: this summary must be read in conjunction with the full report. Should there be a discrepancy between the summary and the body of the report, the body of the report shall override.



06 Areas Inspected

The areas inspected were





07 Areas Not Inspected

The areas NOT accessible for any inspection were

Parts Of The Roof Void Space Refer To Roof Void Section Of This Inspection Parts Of The Subfloor Refer To Subfloor Section Of This Inspection



08 Inspection

Kitchen

General View



Access Limitations

× Furniture, Clutter

Ceiling

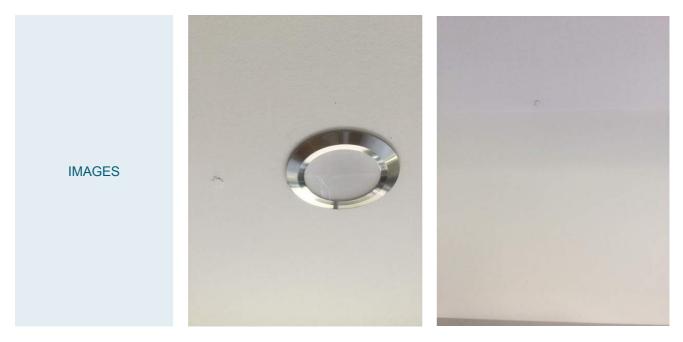
imes Nail popping evident in some areas

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type: Nail popping evident near down light & bulk head Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

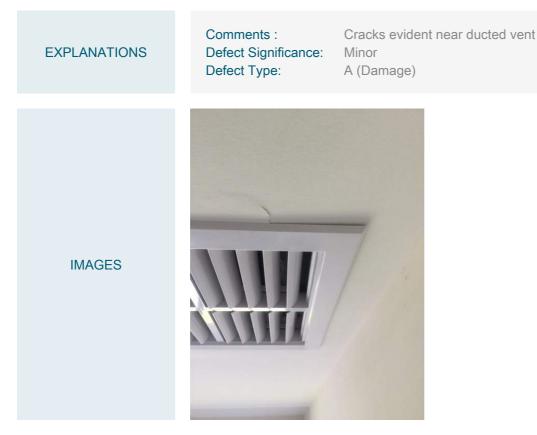


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Ceiling

X Moderate cracks were located in areas



Cornice



Walls





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Floor

No defects evident

Sink

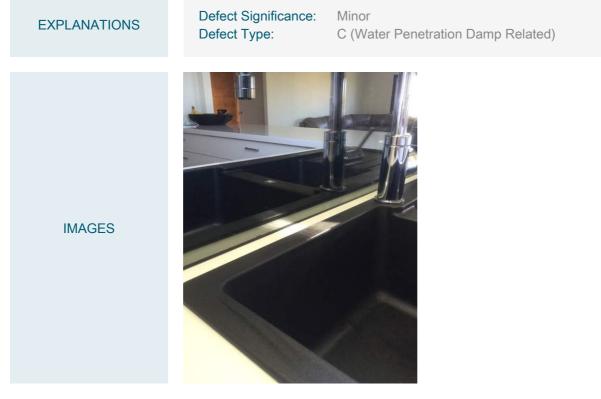
No defects evident

Taps

No defects evident

Splashback

× Reseal at bench and splashback junctions



Bench top

No defects evident

Top Cupboards

➤ Hinges require re-fitting

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type: Doors binding above fridge hinges require adjusting Minor E (Operational)



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Bottom Cupboards

No defects evident

Food Cupboards

No defects evident

Kick Boards

No defects evident

Oven/stove

X Visually inspected not tested/typical cleaning maintenance required

Cooktop

X Visually inspected not tested/typical cleaning maintenance required

Rangehood

X Visually inspected not tested /typical cleaning maintenance required

Dishwasher

X Visually inspected not tested/typical cleaning maintenance required

Window/s



Fly screens



No defects evident

Skirting

No defects evident



Architraves

No defects evident

Lounge Room

General View



Access Limitations



Ceiling



Cornice

✓ No defects evident

Walls

× Other

EXPLANATIONS	Comments :	Cracking under support beam evident (Next to side entrance door)
	Defect Significance: Defect Type:	Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



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Floor



Doors and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

Front Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

Security/screen door

No defects evident

Skirting

✓ No defects evident

Architraves

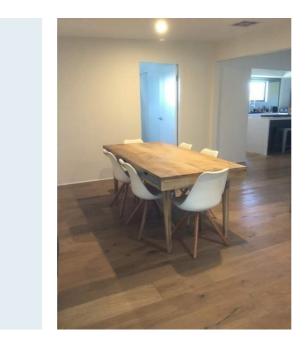
✓ No defects evident

Dining Room

General View



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Access Limitations



Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

Cornice



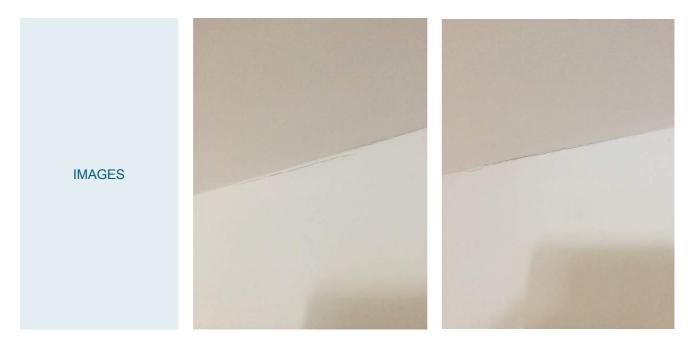
Walls

imes Minor cracks to lining joints evident in areas

EXPLANATIONS	Comments :	Cracks evident at wall & ceiling junction rear wall (north wall) of dining
	Defect Significance: Defect Type:	Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



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Floor



Window/s

X Locked on the day of inspection – not able to be manually operated

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Type:

Defect Significance: Further Investigation E (Operational)

Fly screens

No defects evident

Door and door furniture

No defects evident

Security/screen door

✓ No defects evident

Skirting



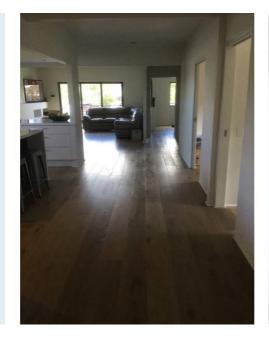
Architraves

No defects evident

Passageway to Bedrooms

General View







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Access Limitations



Ceiling



Cornice



✓ No defects evident

Walls



Floor

✓ No defects evident

Skirting

✓ No defects evident

Architraves

✓ No defects evident

Bedroom 1

General View





Access Limitations



Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

Cornice



✓ No defects evident

Walls



Floor

✓ No defects evident

Window/s

✓ No defects evident

Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

Door/s and door furniture



Architraves



✓ No defects evident

Skirting

No defects evident



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Bedroom 2

General View



Access Limitations

× Furniture, Clutter

Ceiling



No defects evident

Cornice

No defects evident \checkmark

Walls

× Marked & scuffed in areas

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Patching evident above power point western wall Minor A (Damage)

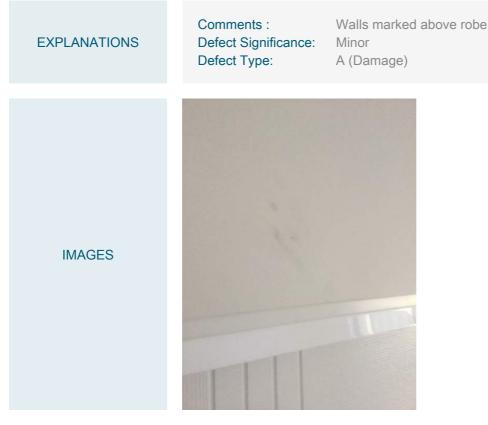


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Walls

× Marked & scuffed in areas



Floor



Window/s



No defects evident



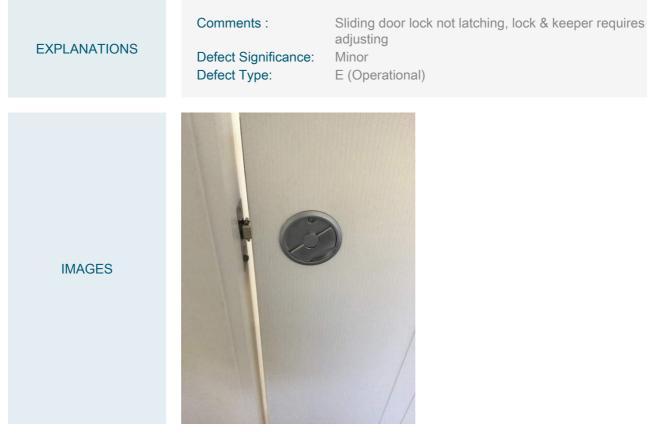
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Fly screens

No defects evident

Door/s and door furniture

× Not latching



Skirting

No defects evident

Architraves



Robe

× Other

EXPLANATIONS

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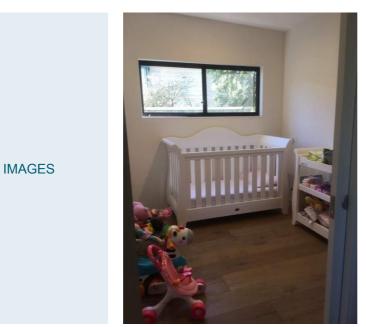
Defect Significance: Defect Type: Man hole located in robe bed 2 , man hole cover incomplete. Minor E (Operational)





Bedroom 3

General View



Access Limitations



Ceiling



Cornice



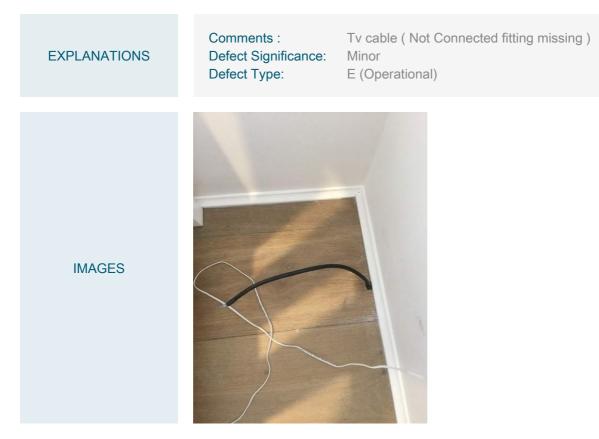
Walls





Floor

× Other



Window/s



Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

Door/s and door furniture

No defects evident

Skirting

No defects evident

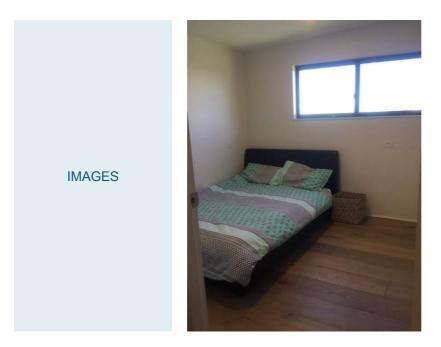
Architraves

No defects evident

Bedroom 4

General View





Access Limitations

× Furniture, Clutter, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards

Ceiling



Cornice



✓ No defects evident

Walls



Floor

✓ No defects evident

Window/s

No defects evident

Fly screens



Door/s and door furniture

× Binding on the frame

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Minor Defect Type:

Top of door binding on door jamb E (Operational)





Skirting

No defects evident

Architraves

No defects evident

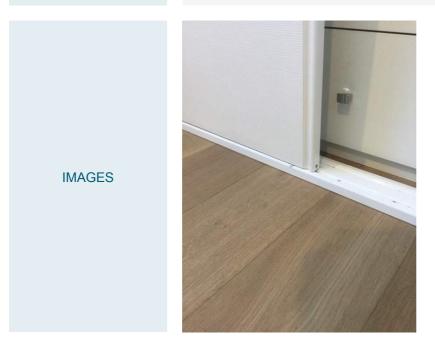
Robe

 \times Other

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:

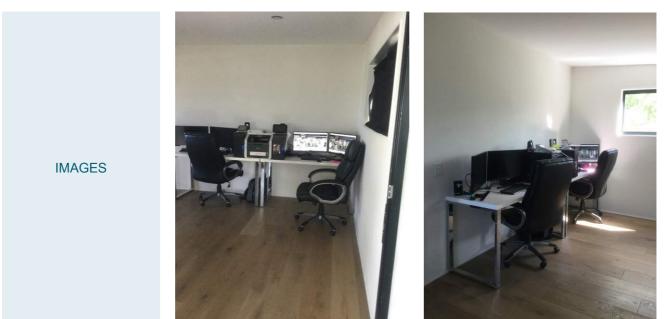
Rollers on middle door require adjusting Minor E (Operational)





Study

General View



Access Limitations

× Furniture

Ceiling



Cornice

No defects evident

Walls

× Minor cracks to lining joints evident

EXPLANATIONS

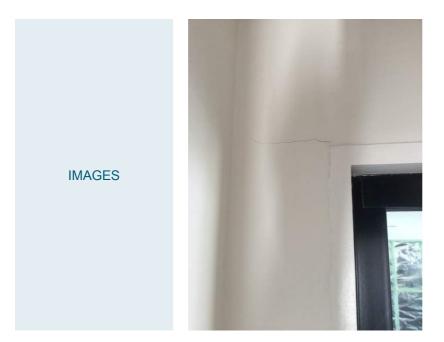
Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Comments :

Cracking evident around sliding glass door Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



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Floor



Window/s

✓ No defects evident

Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

Rear Exit Door/s



Skirting

✓ No defects evident

Architraves

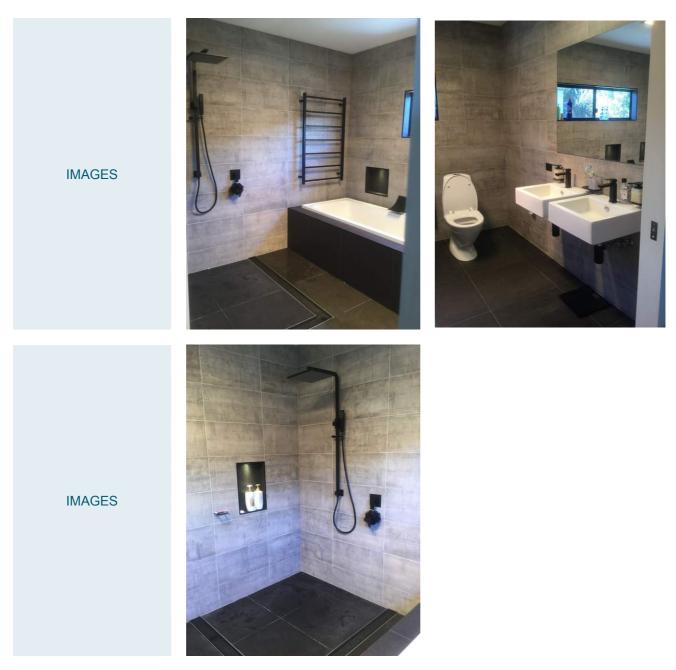
✓ No defects evident

Main Bathroom

General View



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Access Limitations

× Clutter

Ceiling

No defects evident

Wall Tiles

 \times Other

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type: Re-sealing required around door jamb Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)



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Shower Wall Tiles

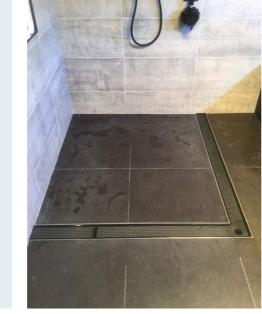
 \checkmark No defects evident

Shower floor

 \times Drummy tiles evident

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EXPLANATIONS	Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:	Drummy tile evident in shower (front tile on the right) Minor F (Installation, including omissions)



Bathroom floor





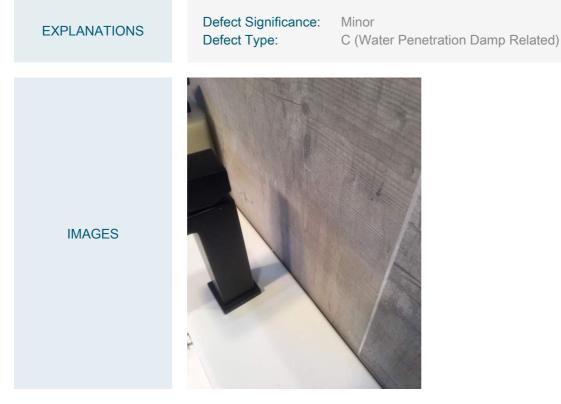
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Basins

No defects evident

Splashback Tiles

imes Re-seal at wall and basin junction



Taps

No defects evident

Fixtures

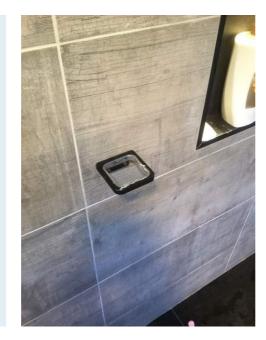
× Broken Soap Holder

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type: Soap dispenser not located in shower recess Minor E (Operational)



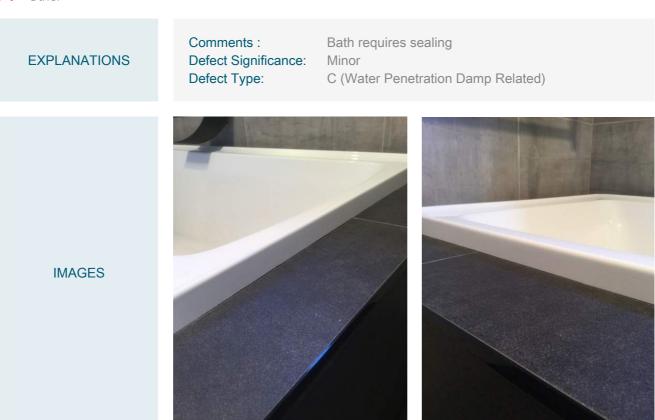
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Bath

× Other





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Bath Splashback

EXPLANATIONS

× Other

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Neiche requires re-sealing Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)



Bath Side Tiles



Pan and cistern

× Cistern leaking water

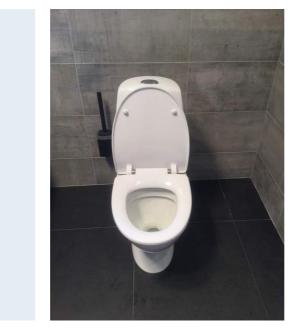
EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Minor E (Operational)



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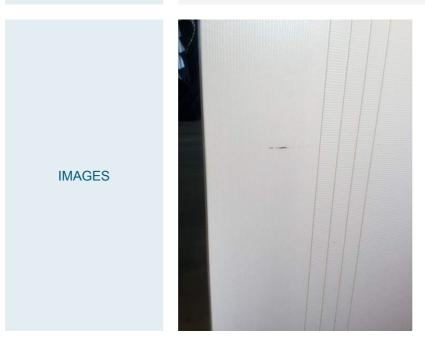
Door and door furniture

 \times Binding on the frame

EXPLANATIONS

Comments :

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Sliding door catching on screw inside of frame causing damage to door (Door requires adjusting) Minor A (Damage)



Window/s

No defects evident

Fly screens





Laundry

General View



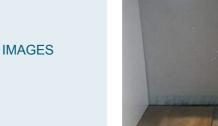
Access Limitations

imes No limitations- Laundry located in kitchen next to fridge & pantry

Walls

 \times Other



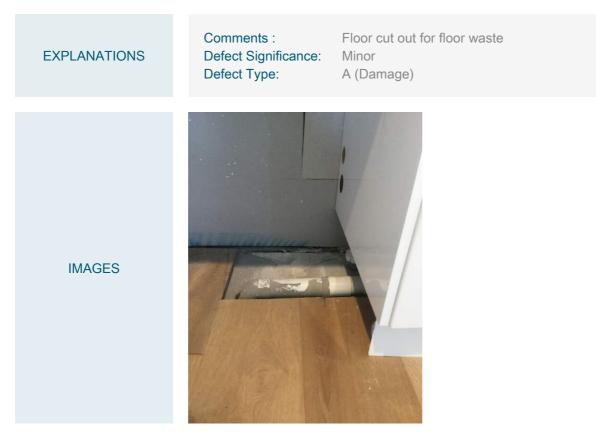




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Floor

× Other



Taps



Tub

✓ No defects evident

Door/s and door furniture

No defects evident

Laundry Cupboard

✓ No defects evident

Roof Void Space

General View



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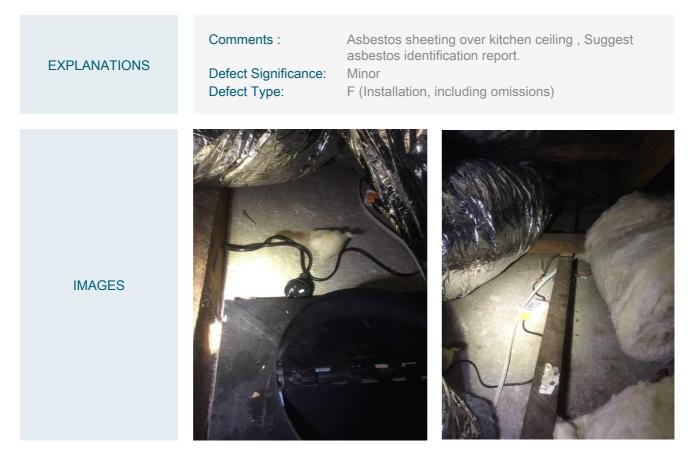


Access Limitations

X Insulation, Clutter, The A/C unit and its all directional ducting, The low pitch in areas, The low pitch is eave areas

Roof Structure

× Other





Roof Structure

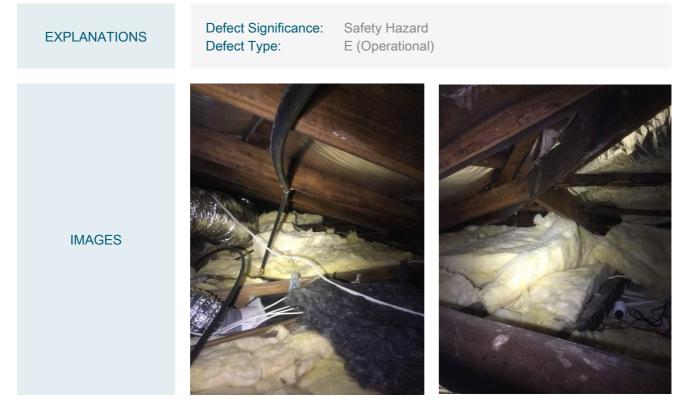
× Sagging in roof elements evident

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

Insulation

All types of ceiling insulation installation are to comply with the current Australian Standards AS/ NZS3000:2007 in relation to Downlights, Exhaust fans, IXL Heater/Fan Light units and Range Hood units



Exhausts Fan / Heat Lights

× Other

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Comments :

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Exhaust fan from bathroom has fallen off purlin, sitting on air conditioner ducting suggest re-fitting back onto purlin. Minor E (Operational)



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Reflective foil



Carport

General View



Access Limitations





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Timber/metal structural components

× Other

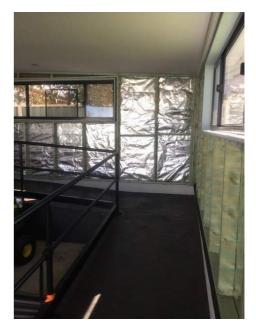
Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Fibro cladding incomplete Minor F (Installation, including omissions)

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Concrete under



Ceiling



No defects evident



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Roofing

No defects evident

Exterior

General View



Access Limitations

× Clutter

Exterior cladding/cement sheeting finish

✓ No defects evident

The exterior paint finish

No defects evident

Windows

✓ No defects evident

Doors

No defects evident

Door sills

No defects evident

Weep holes

No defects evident

Site

General View





Access Limitations

× Vegetation, Clutter

Foundation Materials

× Foundation materials appear to be a clay foundation

Drainage

X This site has inadequate surface inlet drainage. We recommend that additional site surface run off inlet and or diversion drainage be put into place around this property to protect this dwellings foundation materials.



Fences

imes Colorbond fence dented in areas

EXPLANATIONS	Defect Significance:	Minor
	Defect Type:	A (Damage)





Fences

× Colorbond fence posts require straightening

EXPLANATIONS

Comments :

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Fence requires straighten at rear of property (North of property) Minor E (Operational)

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Gates

imes Lock does not operate as intended

Driveway



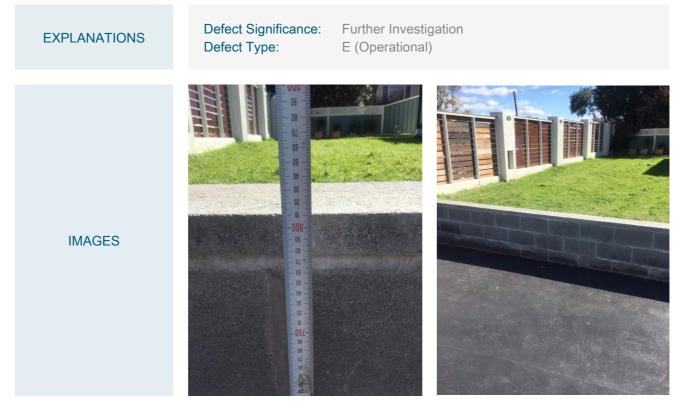


Paths

No defects evident

Retaining Walls

× Any retaining walls over 700mm high will require inspection and certification from a Structural Engineer



Tree's & Branches

No defects evident

Cloths Line

No defects evident

Sub Floor

General View



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Access Limitations

× Clutter

The sub floor cleanliness

(Stored timbers within a sub floor area will form a "Conducive" condition to pending and possible termite attack.), (Stored timbers within a sub floor area will form a "Conducive" condition to pending and possible termite attack.)

Flooring

No defects evident

Ventilation

No defects evident

Ant capping

 \times Ant capping inadequate

EXPLANATIONS	Comments :	Ant capping inadequate on many piers.Inadequate ant-capping must be replaced and installed as required.
	Defect Significance: Defect Type:	Minor E (Operational)



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Bearers & Joists



Sub floor door

No defects evident

Piers

✓ No defects evident

Drainage



Sewer drainage connections

✓ No defects evident

Water pipes

✓ No defects evident

Electrical cables

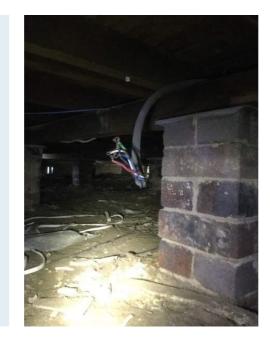


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Defect Significance: Safety Hazard Defect Type:

E (Operational)

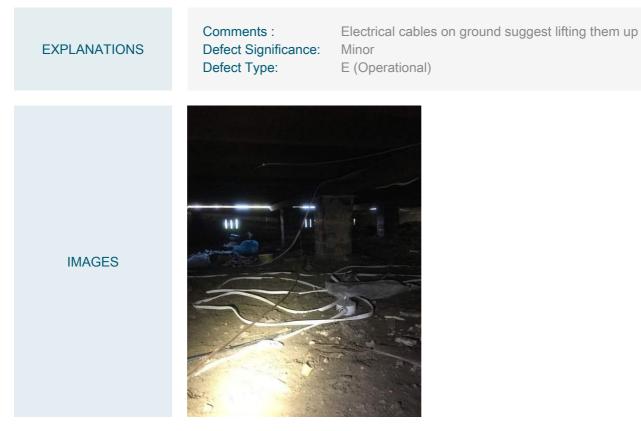




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Electrical cables

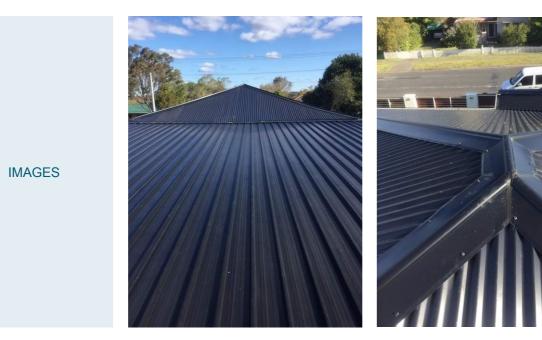
× Other



Roof Exterior

General View





Access Limitations

× No limitations

Roof Covering

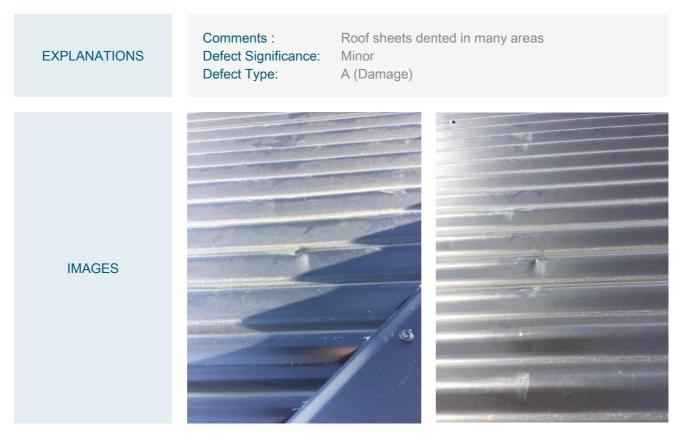
 \times Colourbond roofing rusting in areas

EXPLANATIONS	Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type:	Evident of rust on roof sheeting along ridge line (North side of house) Minor D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)
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Roof Covering

× Other



Lead flashings

No defects evident

Valleys

✓ No defects evident

Ridges

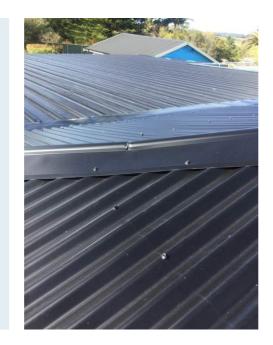
× Other

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Defect Significance: Defect Type: Ridge dented (West side of property) Minor A (Damage)



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Barge capping

× Other

Comments :

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Barge capping requires re-fixing & re-sealing where ridge meets barge capping Minor A (Damage)

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Whirlybird

✓ No defects evident

Chimney/Flue





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Gutters

No defects evident

Downpipes

✓ No defects evident

Eaves

✓ No defects evident

Scotia/Quad/Storm Molding

✓ No defects evident

Fascia



Bargeboard

✓ No defects evident



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09 General Photographs





10 Defects and Safety Issues

Safety Hazards in this Building:

Roof Void Space (Optional)

Insulation

× All types of ceiling insulation installation are to comply with the current Australian Standards AS/ NZS3000:2007 in relation to Downlights, Exhaust fans, IXL Heater/Fan Light units and Range Hood units

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Safety Hazard E (Operational)

Sub Floor (Optional)

Electrical cables

× Exposed wires

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Safety Hazard E (Operational)

Major Defects in this Building:

No Major Defects Identified

Minor and Other Defects in this Building:

Kitchen

Ceiling

imes Nail popping evident in some areas

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Nail popping evident near down light & bulk head Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



Ceiling

imes Moderate cracks were located in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Splashback

imes Reseal at bench and splashback junctions

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type: Cracks evident near ducted vent Minor A (Damage)

Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

Top Cupboards

\times Hinges require re-fitting

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Lounge Room

Walls

 \times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Doors binding above fridge hinges require adjusting Minor E (Operational)

Cracking under support beam evident (Next to side entrance door) Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



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Dining Room (Optional)

Walls

× Minor cracks to lining joints evident in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Cracks evident at wall & ceiling junction rear wall (north wall) of dining Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

Bedroom 2 (Optional)

Walls

imes Marked & scuffed in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Patching evident above power point western wall Minor A (Damage)

Walls

imes Marked & scuffed in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Walls marked above robe Minor A (Damage)

Door/s and door furniture

× Not latching

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Sliding door lock not latching, lock & keeper requires adjusting Minor E (Operational)



Robe

× Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Man hole located in robe bed 2 , man hole cover incomplete. Minor E (Operational)

Bedroom 3 (Optional)

Floor

× Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Tv cable (Not Connected fitting missing) Minor E (Operational)

Bedroom 4 (Optional)

Door/s and door furniture

imes Binding on the frame

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Top of door binding on door jamb Minor E (Operational)

Robe

\times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Rollers on middle door require adjusting Minor E (Operational)



Study (Optional)

Walls

× Minor cracks to lining joints evident

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Cracking evident around sliding glass door Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

Main Bathroom

Wall Tiles

\times Other

Explanation	
Comments (Optional):	Re-sealing required around door jamb
Defect Significance:	Minor
Defect Type:	C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

Shower floor

\times Drummy tiles evident

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Drummy tile evident in shower (front tile on the right) Minor F (Installation, including omissions)

Splashback Tiles

imes Re-seal at wall and basin junction

Explanation

Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)



Fixtures

× Broken Soap Holder

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Bath

\times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type: Soap dispenser not located in shower recess Minor E (Operational)

Bath requires sealing Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

Bath Splashback

\times Other

Explanation
Comments (Optional):
Defect Significance:
Defect Type:

Pan and cistern

imes Cistern leaking water

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type: Neiche requires re-sealing Minor C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

Minor E (Operational)

Door and door furniture

imes Binding on the frame

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Sliding door catching on screw inside of frame causing damage to door (Door requires adjusting) Minor A (Damage)



Laundry (Optional)

Walls

× Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Floor

 \times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type: required under bench) Minor A (Damage)

Painting not completed (Patching & painting

Floor cut out for floor waste Minor A (Damage)

Roof Void Space (Optional)

Roof Structure

\times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Asbestos sheeting over kitchen ceiling , Suggest asbestos identification report. Minor F (Installation, including omissions)

Roof Structure

\times Sagging in roof elements evident

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Minor B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



Exhausts Fan / Heat Lights

 \times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Exhaust fan from bathroom has fallen off purlin, sitting on air conditioner ducting suggest re-fitting back onto purlin. Minor E (Operational)

Carport (Optional)

Timber/metal structural components

 \times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Fibro cladding incomplete Minor F (Installation, including omissions)

Site (Optional)

Fences

imes Colorbond fence dented in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Fences

imes Colorbond fence posts require straightening

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Fence requires straighten at rear of property (North of property) Minor E (Operational)



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Minor

A (Damage)

Sub Floor (Optional)

Ant capping

imes Ant capping inadequate

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Ant capping inadequate on many piers.Inadequate ant-capping must be replaced and installed as required. Minor E (Operational)

Electrical cables

\times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Electrical cables on ground suggest lifting them up Minor E (Operational)

Roof Exterior (Optional)

Roof Covering

 \times Colourbond roofing rusting in areas

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type: Evident of rust on roof sheeting along ridge line (North side of house) Minor D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

Roof Covering

\times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Roof sheets dented in many areas Minor A (Damage)



Ridges

\times Other

Explanation

Comments (Optional): Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Barge capping

 \times Other

Explanation Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance: Defect Type:

Ridge dented (West side of property) Minor A (Damage)

Barge capping requires re-fixing & re-sealing where ridge meets barge capping Minor A (Damage)

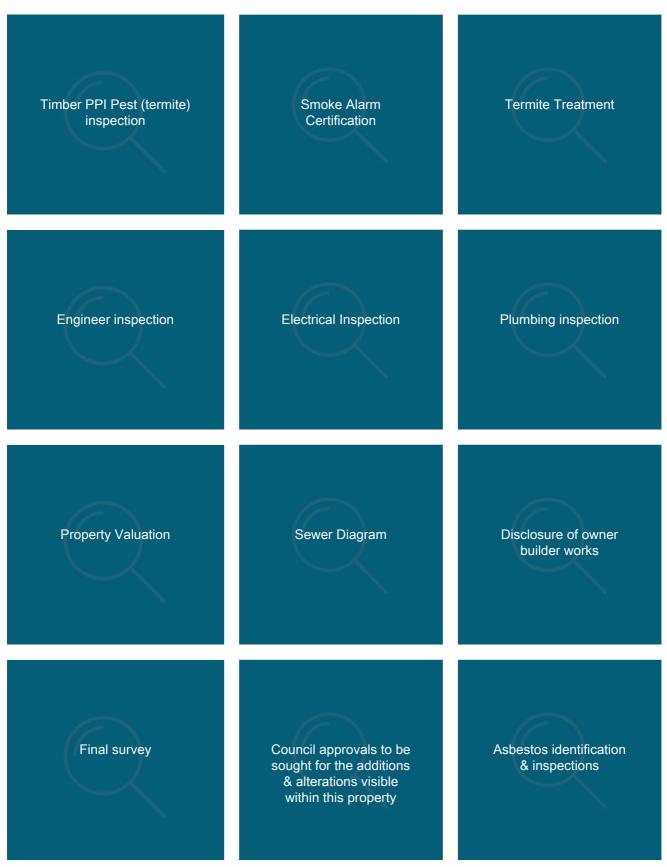


11 Other Inspections and Reports Required



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Further Inspections/Searches Recommended





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12 Conclusion & Summary

The purpose of the inspection is to identify the 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 the Building Members in accord with Appendix C AS4349.1-2007.

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 incidence of Major Defects in this Residential Building as compared with similar Buildings is considered:

Typical

The incidence of Minor Defects in this Residential Building as compared with similar Buildings is considered:

Typical

The overall condition of this residential Dwelling in the context of its age, type and general expectations of similar properties is:

Average

Overall Condition Comments:

This site has inadequate surface inlet drainage. We recommend that additional site surface run off inlet and or diversion drainage be put into place around this property to protect this dwellings foundation materials.Stored timbers within a sub floor area will form a "Conducive" condition to pending and possible termite attack.

Any retaining walls over 700mm high will require inspection and certification from a Structural Engineer.Inadequate ant-capping must be replaced and installed as required.All types of ceiling insulation installation are to comply with the current Australian Standards AS/ NZS3000:2007 in relation to Downlights, Exhaust fans, IXL Heater/Fan Light units and Range Hood units.

Asbestos sheeting over kitchen ceiling, Suggest asbestos identification report. Property has been recently renovated suggest to obtain documents for disclosure of owner builder works, Final survey, Council approvals to be sought for the additions & alterations visible within this property.

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

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



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13 Contact

We take this opportunity to thank you for your instructions.

If you have any queries, please do not hestitate to contact our inspector.

Yours faithfully,

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14 Terms & Conditions

Part 1: Purpose and Scope of Inspection

This report complies with Australian Standard AS4349.1 - 2007 Inspection of Buildings, Part 1: Pre Purchase Inspections - Residential Buildings.

Inspection Agreement - Individual title property

Requirement for Inspection agreement AS 4349.1 - 2007 requires that an inspection agreement be entered into between the inspector & the client prior to the conduct of the inspection. This agreement sets out specific limitations on the scope of the inspection and on limits that apply in carrying it out. Where specific State or Territory requirements apply in addition to the scope of work in this agreement, or where the inspector and client agree to additional matters being covered, that additional scope is listed at the end of this agreement. It is assumed that the existing use of the building will continue.

Purpose of Inspection

The purpose of the inspection is to provide advice to a prospective purchaser or other interested party regarding the condition of the property on the date and at the time of the inspection. The advice is limited to the reporting of the condition of the Building Elements in accord with Appendix B or C AS4349.1-2007 (Appendix B for Strata or Company Title and Appendix C for other residential buildings).

Important Information and Disclaimer

Any person who relies upon the contents of this report does so acknowledging that the following clauses both below **and** at the end of this report. These define the Scope and Limitations of the inspection and form an integral part of the report. Before you decide to purchase this property you should read and understand all of the information contained herein. It will help explain what is involved in a Residential Pre-Purchase Building Inspection Report, the difficulties faced by an inspector and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is free of defects, latent or otherwise. This information forms an integral part of the report. If there is anything contained within this report that is not clear or you have difficulty understanding, please contact the inspector prior to acting on this report.

The extent and thoroughness of this inspection has been limited by our reading of what was reasonable by way of time, intrusion and risk of doing physical damage to the property being inspected. We have not inspected woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the structure is free from defect. Identification of hazardous materials or situations that may be in the building or on or near the property is outside the scope of this inspection. This report is not a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any Act, regulation, ordinance, local law or by-law, and is not a warranty against problems developing with the building in the future. This report does not include the identification of unauthorised building work or of work not compliant with building regulations. With respect to minor defects, the inspection is limited to reporting on their overall extent. It is not intended to detail each and every individual minor defect or imperfection. This service is provided on an independent professional basis. It seeks to present a factual, unbiased and balanced assessment. We have no financial interest in any work that may be recommended or in any share of commission if the property is sold.

Scope of Inspection

The inspection comprised a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and safety hazards, and to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the property at the time of inspection. An estimate of the cost of rectification of defects is outside the scope of the Standard and therefore does not form part of this report.



AS 4349.1 - 2007 requires that the basis for comparison is a building of similar age and similar type to the subject building and which is in reasonable condition, having been adequately maintained over the life of the building. This means that building being inspected may not comply with Australian Standards, building regulations or specific state or territory requirements applicable at the time of the inspection.

What is reported on:

- The inspection includes subjective appraisal by an inspector competent to assess the condition of residential buildings. It involves a subjective assessment so different inspectors or even the same inspector on a different occasion may reach different conclusions
- The inspection comprises a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the property at the time of inspection.
- The following areas shall be inspected where applicable:
 - The interior of the building: ceilings; walls; floors; windows; doors & frames; kitchen; bathroom; WC; ensuite; laundry; stairs & damp problems
 - The exterior of the building: walls (including lintels, claddings, doors & windows); timber or steel frames & structures; chimneys; stairs; balconies, verandas, patios, decks, suspended concrete floors, balustrades
 - The roof exterior: roof (including tiles, shingles & slates, roof sheeting, gables, flashings); skylights, vents, flues; valleys; guttering; downpipes; eaves, fascias and barges
 - The roof space: roof covering; roof framing; sarking; party walls; insulation
 - The sub-floor space: timber floor (including supports, floor, ventilation, drainage, damp); suspended concrete floors
 - The property within 30m of the house and within the boundaries of the site: car accommodation, detached laundry, ablution facilities and garden sheds; retaining walls (where supporting other structures and landscaping retaining walls > 700mm high); paths & driveways; steps ; fencing (excluding swimming pool fences) ; surface water (drainage effectiveness)

What is not reported on:

- general exclusions detailed in the standard AS 4349.1 2007
- · Parts of a building that are under construction
- The inspection is not intended to include rigorous assessment of all building elements in a property
- Defects that would only be apparent under particular weather conditions or when using particular fittings & fixtures
- · Defects not apparent due to occupancy or occupancy behavior eg non use of a leaking shower
- The inspection report is not a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any Act, regulation, ordinance, local law or by-law and is not a warranty against problems developing with the building in the future
- · Unauthorized building work or of work not compliant with building regulations
- Title and ownership matters, matters concerning easements, covenants, restrictions, zoning certificates and all other law-related matters
- Estimation of the cost of rectification of specific defects.
- Specifics excluded by the standard AS 4349.1 2007 Footings below ground, concealed damp-proof course, electrical installations, operation of smoke detectors, light switches and fittings, TV, sound and communication and security systems, concealed plumbing, adequacy of roof drainage as installed, gas fittings and fixtures, air conditioning, automatic garage door mechanisms, swimming pools and associated filtration and similar equipment, the operation of fireplaces and solid fuel heaters, including chimneys and flues, alarm systems, intercom systems, soft floor coverings, electrical appliances including dishwashers, incinerators, ovens, ducted vacuum systems, paint coatings except external protective coatings, health hazards e.g., allergies, soil toxicity, lead content, radon, presence of asbestos or urea formaldehyde), timber and metal framing sizes and adequacy, concealed tie downs and bracing, timber pest activity, other mechanical or electrical equipment (such as gates, inclinators), soil conditions, control joints, sustainable development provisions, concealed framing-timbers or any areas concealed by wall linings or sidings, landscaping, rubbish, floor cover, furniture and accessories, stored items, insulation, environmental matters e.g. BASIX, water tanks, BCA environmental provisions, energy efficiency, lighting efficiency.

Special Requirements



It is acknowledged that there are no special requirements placed on this inspection that are outside the scope of the abovementioned Australian Standard.

Limitations

This report is limited to a visual inspection of areas where safe and reasonable access is available and access permitted on the date and at the time of inspection. The Inspection will be carried out in accordance with AS4349.1-2007. The purpose of the inspection is to provide advice to a prospective purchaser regarding the condition of the property at the date and time of inspection. Areas for Inspection shall cover all safe and accessible areas. It does not purport to be geological as to foundation integrity or soil conditions, engineering as to structural, nor does it cover the condition of electrical, plumbing, gas or motorised appliances. It is strongly recommended that an appropriately qualified contractor check these services prior to purchase.

As a matter of course, and in the interests of safety, all prospective purchasers should have an electrical report carried out by a suitably qualified contractor.

This report is limited to (unless otherwise noted) the main structure on the site and any other building, structure or outbuilding within 30m of the main structure and within the site boundaries including fences.

Safe and Reasonable Access

Only areas to which safe and reasonable access is available were inspected. The Australian Standard 4349.1 defines reasonable access as "areas where safe, unobstructed access is provided and the minimum clearances specified below are available, or where these clearances are not available, areas within the inspector's unobstructed line of sight and within arm's length. Reasonable access does not include removing screws and bolts to access covers." Reasonable access does not include the use of destructive or invasive inspection methods nor does it include cutting or making access traps or moving heavy furniture, floor coverings or stored goods.

Dimensions for Reasonable Access

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.



15 Definitions

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 that 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 poor non-tradesman like workmanship and/or long term neglect and/or defects requiring major repairs or reconstruction of major building elements.

Major Defect: Is a Defect 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 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.

Satisfactory: The areas inspected appear to be in serviceable and sound condition without any significant visible defects.

Average: The inspected areas evident require repairs and or maintenance which are consistent with the age of the property.

Poor: The areas inspected require major repairs and or replacement due to its age, poor maintenance, deterioration or not being completed to an acceptable standard of workmanship.

16.1 CLASSIFICATION OF DEFECTS AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION:

Defects are categorized into 6 areas as described below.

These descriptions are clearly defined in AS4349.1-2007 Table 3.3 "Type of Defects."

A - Damage (visual disruption or breakage resulting in loss of value or the impairment of usefulness,)

B - Distortion, warping and twisting (a change in the shape of an image resulting from imperfections from its intended location,)

C - Water penetration, damp related (the presence of moisture and/or egress or entry of forms of water and dampness into unintended locations,)

D - Material deterioration (rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay) (alteration of the products or elements original intended finish,)

E - Operational (not being fit for proper functioning and /or ready for use,)

F - Installations & Appearance (inappropriate fitting and finish of a products intended use)



16 Terminology & Their Definitions

ACCESSIBLE AREA - An area of the site where sufficient, safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.

ACCESS HOLE - Access hole An opening in flooring or ceiling pr other part of a structure to allow for entry to carry out an inspection.

AGG LINE - A perforated pipe (usually covered with a geo-textile fabric) laid behind retaining walls and other areas to catch seeping stormwater.

APPEARANCE DEFECT - Fault or deviation from the intended appearance of a building element.

ARCHITRAVE - moulding surrounding a door or window opening to cover the join between the frame and the wall finish. BALUSTRADE - A series of vertical members supporting a handrail of a stair, landing, platform or bridge.

BEARER - A sub-floor structural timber member which supports the floor joists.

BRICK VENEER - A method of construction in which a single leaf of non-load bearing wall of brickwork is tied to a timber or metal framed load bearing structure to form the external enclosure.

BUILDING ELEMENT - Portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfills a characteristic function. CEMENT - A finely ground inorganic powder that, mixed with water, binds an aggregate / sand mixture into a hard concrete or mortar within a few days.

CLIENT - The person or other entity for whom the inspection is being carried out.

CONCRETE - A conglomerated artificial stone made by mixing in specified proportions cement, water and aggregates and pouring the mixture into prepared forms to set and harden.

CORNICE - A moulding placed at the junction between a wall and ceiling.

DAMP- PROOF COURSE (DPC) - A continuous layer of an impervious material placed in a masonry wall or between a floor and wall to prevent the upward or downward migration of moisture.

DEFECT - Fault or deviation from the intended condition of a material, assembly or component.

DEFLECTION - Has a wavy appearance, causes the feeling of going up or down to these areas stated, lips in concrete surfaces at their joints.

EAVES - The lower part of a roof that overhangs the walls.

FASCIA - A metal profile, which is fixed to the lower ends of rafters and usually supports the guttering. FOOTING - That part of a construction designed to transfer loads to the supporting foundation, usually

constructed of reinforced concrete to support base brickwork.

FOUNDATION - The natural or built-up formation of soil, sub-soil or rock upon which a building or structure is supported. FOUNDATION DOOR ENTRY - The door or cover access point into a dwellings sub floor area. GABLE - The vertical triangular end of a building with a pitched roof, between the rafters from eaves level to the

apex (ridge). It may be formed in brickwork or timber framed and clad with weatherboards.

GAUGE - An indicating device usually in brickwork setting out the number of bricks to a certain measurement. E.g. 7 brick courses per 600mm in height. This gauge is adjusted to suit the brick and the site conditions.

GOING - In a stair the horizontal distance from the face of one riser to that of the next.

HANGING BEAM - A beam above the ceiling used to support ceiling joists.

HEAD - The upper horizontal member at the top of an opening or frame.

HEADER - A brick laid with its greatest dimension across a wall usually used to tie two skins together or under a door sill or window.

HEARTH - The floor of a fireplace and immediately adjacent area.

HINDERED ACCESS - The inability to access this area stated in this report.

HIP ROOF - A roof which is pyramidal in shape with sloping surfaces and level edges all round.

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 of organisation responsible for carrying out the inspection.

JOIST - A timber or steel beam supported by a bearer which the flooring is fixed directly to.



LIMITATION - Any factor that prevents full or proper inspection of the building.

LINTEL - A horizontal supporting member spanning over a window or door opening. A "gal-lintel" is a steel lintel used to support brickwork over an opening.

MANHOLE ENTRY - The entry into the roof loft area by the removal of a ceiling cover or an internal wall doorway.

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.

MINOR DEFECT - A defect other than a major defect.

MORTAR - A mixing of bush sand (white or yellow), cement (grey or off-white) and water for brickwork. Usually at the rate of 6 part sand to one part cement (by volume) and if required one part lime. Can have a flush, raked or round finish.

NEWEL POST - A post at the top or bottom of a stair flight to support the handrail and/or winders in the stair treads.

PARAPET - A low wall to protect the edge of a roof, balcony or terrace. Many shops have a parapet at the front of the building for signage.

PARTICLE BOARD - A flat floor sheeting of good dimensional stability made from wood flakes and synthetic resin / binder under heat and pressure. Can be produced with decorative elements for joinery work.

PELMET - A built-in head to a window to conceal the curtain rod or to a sliding door to conceal the tracks.

Usually made of wood.

PERP - A vertical joint in masonry construction.

PITCH ROOF - The ratio of the height to span, usually measured in degrees.

POINTING - The completion of jointing between ridge or hip tiles with a matching colour after bedding of tiles or troweling of mortar into joints after bricks have been laid to touch up.

QUAD MOULDING - A moulding with a cross-section of a guadrant of a circle used to cover joints often in eaves or at junctions of walls and/or ceilings.

RAFTER - A sloping member in a roof providing the principal structural support for the roofing material. RAFTER (COMMON) - A rafter spanning the full distance from the eaves to the ridge.

RAFTER (HIP) - A rafter forming the hip at the external line of intersection of two roof surfaces. Jack rafters meet against it. RAFTER (JACK) - A rafter between a ridge and a valley or a hip rafter and the eave.

RAKED JOINT - A brick joint raked out by the bricklayer for a key for plaster or as a decorative finish. RENDER - The covering of a brick wall with one or more coats of cement mortar consisting of Sydney Sand, cement and plasterers clay.

RIDGE - The highest part (apex) of a roof, which is usually a horizontal line.

RISER - The vertical face of a step in a stair flight.

SERVICEABILITY DEFECT - Fault or deviation from the intended serviceability performance of a building element. SEPARATION - Gapping formed between the two surfaces stated.

SIGNIFICANT ITEM - An item that is to be reported in accordance with the scope of the inspection.

SKEW NAILING - The driving of nails at an obligue angle often in different directions to improve the strength of a joint of fixing.

SKIRTING - A wooden board fixed to the bottom of a wall at the junction of the floor to prevent damage to the wall or to conceal small gaps.

SLIP JOINT - A joint designed to allow movement between two members usually in the form of two layers of sheet metal with grease installed on top of a brick wall prior to installation of a concrete slab.

SOFFIT/EAVES - The underside of a slab or an eave.

SOLDIER COURSE - A course of brickwork laid on its end.

SPROCKET - A framing timber used in eaves construction.

STRETCHER BOND - The most common masonry bond in Australia in which all bricks are laid with half overlaps and not using half bricks or cross bonds.

STRUCTURAL ELEMENT - Physically distinguishable part of a structure: NOTE: For example a wall, column, beam or connection points.

TERRAZZO - A material consisting of irregular marble or stone fragments set in a matrix of cement and mechanically abraded and polished after casting to produce a smooth hard surface.

THRESHOLD - The step or sill at an external door of usually timber tile or brickwork.

TOUGHENED GLASS - Glass made by rapidly cooling the glass to make it shatter into small pieces when broken for safety, It usually cannot be cut and needs to be made to order to size. It is unlike laminated glass which is made from layers of glass with silicon between to crack only when broken for safety and can easily be cut on site.

UNDERPINNING - The construction of new footings or concrete piers under an existing footing to prevent its collapse or failure.



VALLEY - The meeting line of two inclined roof surfaces at a re-entrant angle.

VALLEY SERIES TRUSSES - A series of timber roof Trusses that form the valley within a hip roof construction. WEEP HOLES - Vertical joints or perpends in brickwork left open above the flashing line to allow water from behind the wall to escape.

PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE TERMS (hjr007)

ABSORPTION TRENCH - A trench, pit or well excavated from permeable ground filled with broken stone, bricks or large granular materials and covered with earth to dispose of the discharge from a septic tank, sullage system or stormwater by absorption into the ground. GULLY TRAP (GT) - An assembly in a sanitary drainage system, consisting of a trap and other fittings. Also called GULLY.

JUNCTION (PIPE) - A pipe fitting incorporating one or more branched.

MANHOLE - A large chamber or opening on a drain, sewer or equipment to permit access for inspection, testing or clearance if obstruction.

STACK - A vertical sanitary drainage pipe, including offsets, which extends more than one story in height. SULLAGE - Domestic waste water other than from soil fixtures.

SUMP - A pit at or below the lowest point of a structure to collect unwanted water and facilitate its removal, usually by means if a SUMP PUMP. Also called DRAIN PIT.

TRAP - a) A fitting usually in the shape of the letter P or S which retains water to form a "water seal" so as to prevent the passage if gases or foul air into the building. b) A fitting for the interception of silt, acids, grease, oils or fats.

BOUNDARY TRAP - A trap in the property service drain, usually near the boundary if a property and below the lowest inlet, to prevent the entry of air or gases from the sewer into property service drain. Also called INTERCEPTOR TRAP.

GREASE TRAP - A device in the shape if a box with baffle plates to slow the flow of liquid waste and prevent the passage if greasy substance into the drainage system. Also called GREASE INTERCEPTOR TRAP. P-TRAP - A trap in which the inlet leg is vertical and the outer leg inclined below the horizontal to specified limits, with or without inspection opening at the lowest point.

S-TRAP - A trap in which the outer leg is vertical and parallel with the inlet leg, with or without inspection opening at the lowest point.

SILT TRAP - A trap containing a removable container for the collection if silt, sand or grit.

VALVE - A device for the control of liquid or gas flow, having an aperture which can be wholly or partially closed by a plate, disc, door, gate, piston, plug ball r the flexing if a diaphragm.

FLOAT VALVE - A valve actuated by a float (floating ball) to control the flow of liquid, used in tanks or cisterns to maintain a minimum water level. Also referred to as FLOATING BALL VALVE.

FLUSH VALVE - A control devise for water flow at mains pressure to a WC pan; used instead of a cistern. MIXING VALVE - A valve which is designed to mix separate supplies of hot and cold water and direct the maximum. PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE - A valve designed to reduce or limit the pressure of a fluid to a predetermined valve in the downstream side. Also called PRESSURE LIMITING VALVE.

PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE - A spring-loaded or weight-controlled automatic valve to limit the build-up of pressure in pipe work, fittings or vessels by discharging excessive pressure to the atmosphere.

STOP VALVE - A valve, such as a gate valve, which can be operated to stop flow in a pipeline. Also known as ISOLATING VALVE.

TEMPERATURE RELIEF - A temperature activated valve to relieve excess pressure in water heaters in the event of a thermostat failure and overheating.

VENT (VENT PIPE) - A pipe provided to limit pressure fluctuations within a discharge pipe system by the induction or discharge of air and/or to facilitate the discharge of gases.



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17 General Site Notes

Site Notes and Other Australian Standard AS2870 Requirements to Apply:

Stormwater Drainage & Surface Drainage: All of this properties existing stormwater drainage and connection points and any if applicable surface drainage and or grated inlet drainage points around this dwelling, are to be checked and kept unobstructed and unblocked at all times. We recommend additional or new larger and improved surface inlet and diversion drainage be put into place, if not evident to any low lying or moss effected ground surface areas. For dwellings without visible diversion drainage this drainage must be put into place to prevent further foundation movement to this dwelling and possible destabilisation in the future, or proof by certification is to be provided that an adequate drainage system actually exists on and within this property. It is essential to prevent surface waters from entering the sub floor area of timber floored dwellings to prevent rising damp from causing peaking and cupping to the timber flooring materials. This drainage gives best results once fitted on the high side elevations of this as inspected dwelling or building. (I refer to AS2870 for compliant instructions if required.)

Pitched Roofs: Any pitched roofs with valley gutters and any Dutch gables we recommend that Compraband Press-tite flashings or similar be fitted between the valley gutters and the underside of the roof tiles to prevent future leaking at these points. Valley gutters must be sealed to their top ends to prevent bird or vermin entry into the roof loft area at these points. This flashing can also be required when excessive leaf and or bird entry is clearly visible and is evident within a dwellings roof loft area. High wind areas must have these flashings fitted as high levels of leaf entry into a roof void area can be a fire hazard. (If leaves are found in a roof loft they must be removed.)

Concrete Paths & Driveways: Any concrete paths, concrete slabs or concrete driveways that have been placed directly against any of the dwellings downpipes and or their stormwater drainage points may cause downpipe and stormwater connection slippage over time due to shrinkage within the dwellings foundations. Therefore it is essential these areas be monitored regularly to prevent stormwater leaking and foundation point saturation from occurring. (In normal building practise there must be expansion jointing material placed around the downpipe or stormwater drainage areas before the concrete areas are poured.)

Stored Goods: Any stored goods including building materials like bricks, fire wood stacks etc, around the perimeter of a dwelling are to be removed immediately as they could be harbouring timber pests. See Pest Report for further details. (In the event no Pest Report is being carried out then you must remove these stored goods immediately.) Stored goods within a sub floor area will hinder our inspection and not allow a Purchaser to make an informed decision whether they purchase this property.

Retaining Walls: Referring to retaining walls that are supporting other structures within their vicinity and landscaped retaining walls, more than 700mm high. Where a major defect is identified in any retaining wall regardless of height it is essential that a Structural Engineers Inspection and Report be obtained in relation to the structural integrity of such retaining wall structure. (This report is NOT a structural report and should not be deemed as such under any circumstances.)

Weep Holes: Relating to concrete slab properties and also multi-level properties of brick construction. All of the weep holes are to be left completely exposed, unobstructed and clean at all times. They must be BCA code and Australian Standard compliant in relation to the time as to when the building was first built. Blocked, missing and obscured weep holes can and will cause further dampness problems within the building's interior and within the wall cavity areas. This also includes wall areas above windows and doors are to be BCA code compliant. In recent years weep holes are required to be put into place to the underside of window sills to all windows over .900mm in width and be no more than at 1.2metre centres.



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