



# BUILDING INSPECTION

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

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## PROPERTY ADDRESS

11 Coniston Close  
Sussex Inlet, NSW  
2540, Australia

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# 03 Description of Building

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## Type of Building:

✓ Residential House

## Style of Building:

✓ Conventional two storey

## Number of Stories:

✓ Two Storey

## Age of Building:

✓ 30-50 years old

## Roof Covering:

✓ Corrugated Iron

## Roof Frame:

✓ Hardwood Pitched Roof

## External Walls:

✓ Block Walls, Brick Veneer Walls

## Floor Construction:

✓ Timber Floor on Brick Piers

## Internal Walls:

✓ Block Walls, Timber Framed Walls

## Building Tenancy:

✓ Occupied

## Building Furnished:

✓ Yes

## Building Frontage Faces:

✓ South East

# 04 General

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Weather Conditions at the time of the inspection:

✓ Dry

Recent weather conditions:

✓ Raining

Date and time of inspection:

✓ 21 Mar 2017

# 05 Summary of Inspection

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## Results of Building Inspection - Summary

	Found	Not Found
Safety Hazard	✓	
Major Defect	✓	
Minor Defect	✓	

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:

<b>ROOF EXTERIOR</b>	Average
<b>THE EXTERIOR:</b>	Average
<b>THE SITE:</b>	
a/ Retaining Walls:	Average
b/ Drainage:	Poor
c/ Outbuildings:	Not Applicable
<b>THE SUB FLOOR SPACE:</b>	Average
<b>THE ROOF VOID SPACE:</b>	Average
<b>THE INTERIOR</b>	Average
<b>OVERALL CONDITION</b>	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

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The areas inspected were

The Building Interior

The Building Exterior

The Roof Void Space

The Roof Exterior

The Subfloor

The Garage

The Veranda

The Site

Smoke Detectors

Services


# 07 Areas Not Inspected

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The areas NOT accessible for any inspection were



The Subfloor



Front and Rear  
Landings



Roof Void Space Refer  
To Roof Void Section  
Of This Inspection



# 08 Inspection

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## Kitchen

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✗ Clutter, Curtains and blinds, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards, Furniture

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Taps/Mixer

✓ No defects evident



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### Splashback

✓ No defects evident

### Bench top

✓ No defects evident

### Top Cupboards

✓ No defects evident

### Bottom Cupboards

✗ Drawers binding suggest adjusting or replacing guides to drawers

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

#### IMAGES



### Food Cupboards

✓ No defects evident

### Kick Boards

✓ No defects evident

### Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition

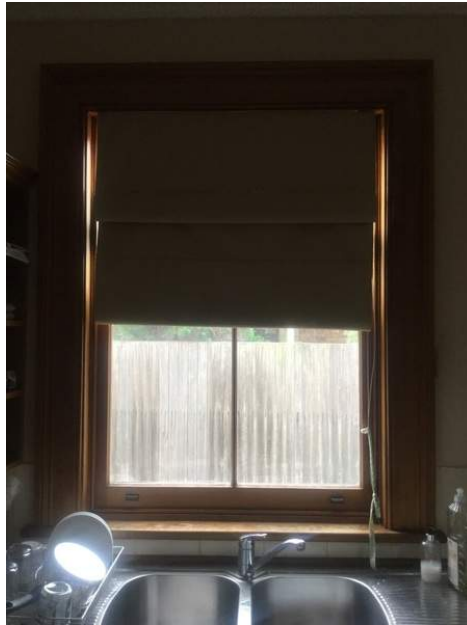
### Window/s

✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## IMAGES



### Window/s

- ✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Top sash only  
 Defect Significance: Minor  
 Defect Type: E (Operational)

## IMAGES



### Fly screens

- ✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

- ✓ No defects evident

## Architraves

✓ No defects evident

## Meals Area

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Curtains and blinds, Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition

## Window/s

- ✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Window/s

- ✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

### EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Top sash only  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



### Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

### Rear Exit Door

✗ Door Binding suggest shaving or cutting

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

#### IMAGES



### Security/screen door

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

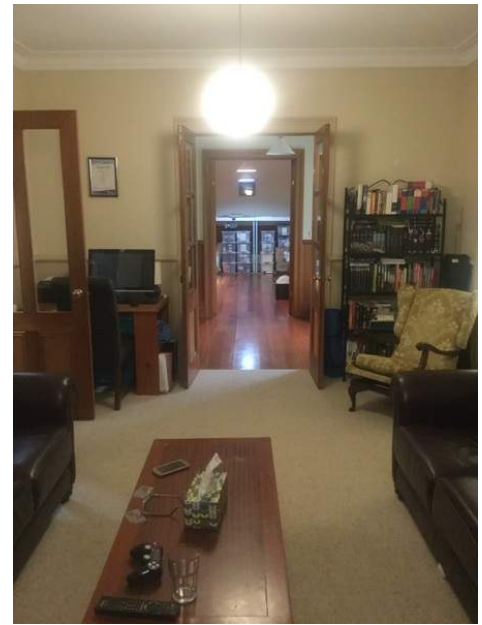
✓ No defects evident

## Lounge Room

### General View



## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Doors and door furniture

✗ Door damaged

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)



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Rear Door and door furniture

✗ Locking mechanism faulty

EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Suggest adjusting or replacing  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

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Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition

Architraves

✓ No defects evident

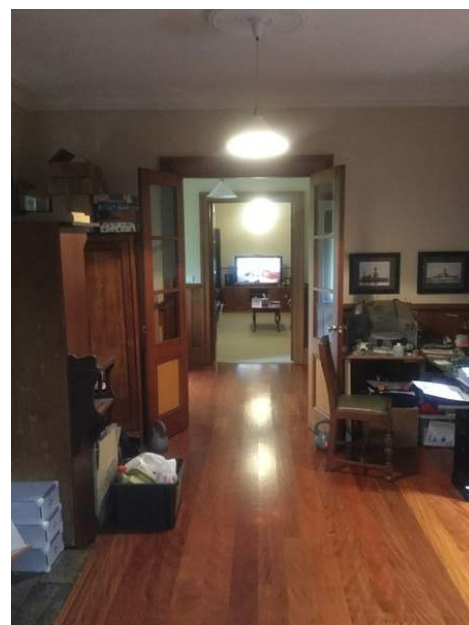
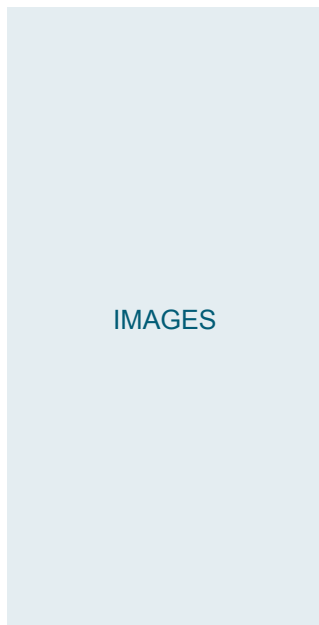


## Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Family Room

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Curtains and blinds, Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition



### Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Rear Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

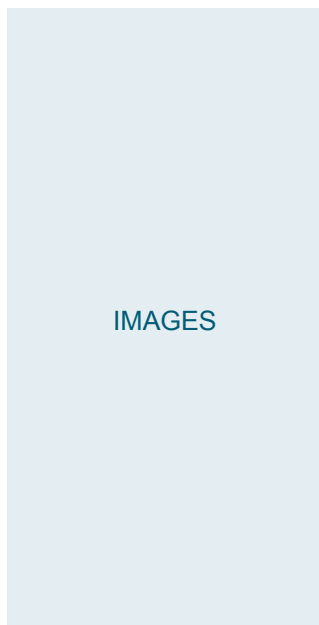
✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Front Entrance Area

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

### Ceiling

✗ Cracks to lining evident in some areas

### EXPLANATIONS

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

## IMAGES



### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Front Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Security/screen door

✗ Screen mesh damaged suggest replacing

### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

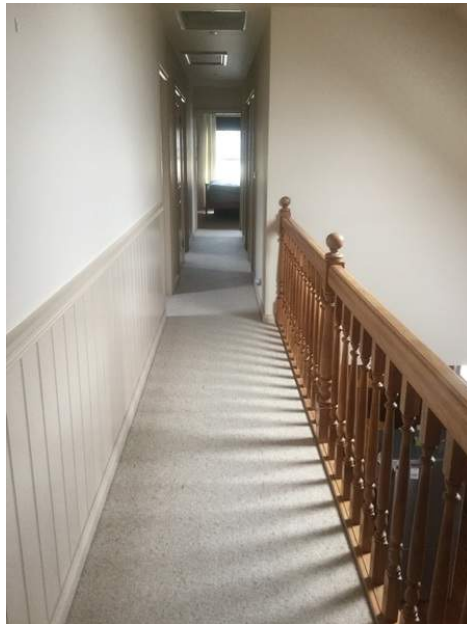
### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Passageway to Bedrooms

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✓ No limitations

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks evident in areas

EXPLANATIONS

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

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## Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

## Walls

✓ No defects evident

## Painting

✗ Average condition

## Hand Rail

✗ All veranda's, decking, balconies and any internal void area railings, if applicable to this property must be a minimum height of 1.0metre high for compliance with the most recent Australian Standards. (If under 1.0m this is a safety hazard.)

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Floor

✓ No defects evident

## Window/s

✓ No defects evident

## Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

## Linen press

✓ No defects evident

## Architraves

✓ No defects evident



## Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Stairs

### General View

IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✓ No limitations

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

### EXPLANATIONS

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



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IMAGES



## Walls

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

EXPLANATIONS

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

## IMAGES



### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Treads & Risers

✓ No defects evident

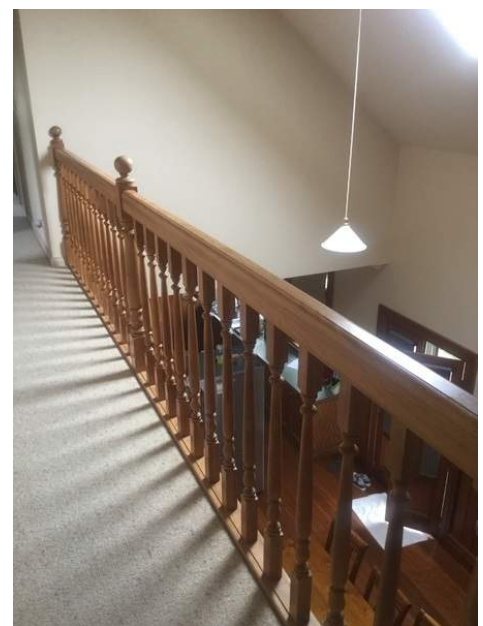
### Hand Rail

✗ All veranda's, decking, balconies and any internal void area railings, if applicable to this property must be a minimum height of 1.0metre high for compliance with the most recent Australian Standards. (If under 1.0m this is a safety hazard.)

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## IMAGES



### Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition

### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

### Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Bedroom 1

### General View

IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards, Curtains and blinds, Clutter

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

### EXPLANATIONS

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



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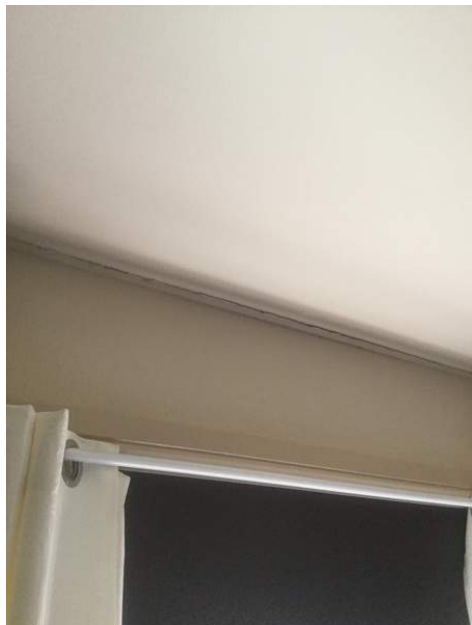
### Cornice

✗ Other

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments :	Separation evident in areas
Defect Significance:	Minor
Defect Type:	B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

## IMAGES



### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

## Floor

✓ No defects evident

## Blinds / Curtains

✓ No defects evident

## Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Window/s

✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)



## IMAGES



### Window/s

- ✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Top sash only  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### Fly screens

- ✗ Screen mesh damaged suggest replacing

### Door/s and door furniture

- ✓ No defects evident

### Robe

- ✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

- ✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

- ✓ No defects evident

## Bedroom 2

### General View

## IMAGES



## Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards, Curtains and blinds, Clutter

## Ceiling

✗ Damaged plasterboard evident

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

## IMAGES



## Ventilation

✓ No defects evident



## Walls

✓ No defects evident

## Painting

✗ Average condition

## Floor

✓ No defects evident

## Blinds / Curtains

✓ No defects evident

## Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

## Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

## Robe

✓ No defects evident

## Architraves

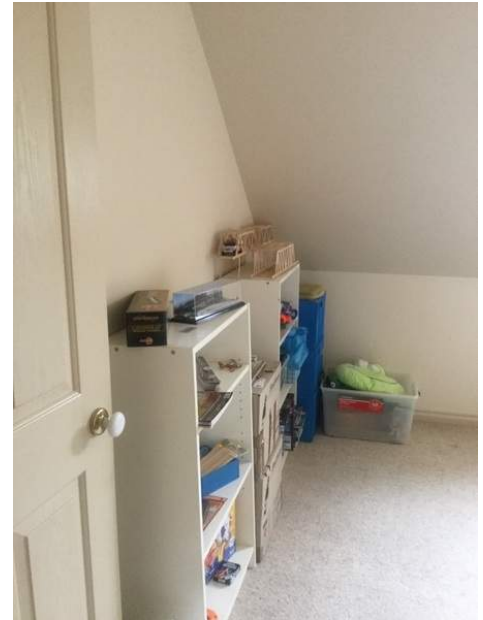
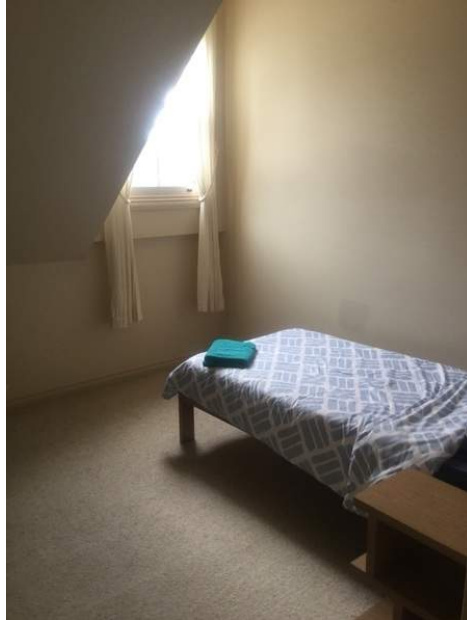
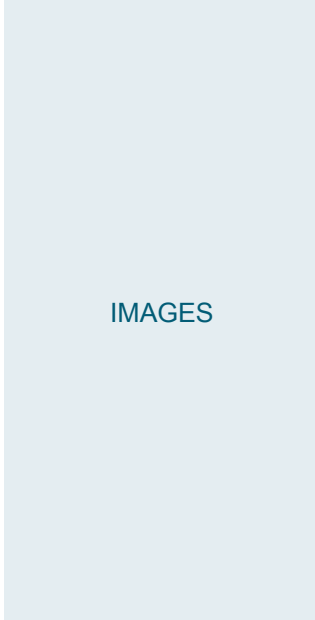
✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Bedroom 3

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Floor

✓ No defects evident

### Blinds / Curtains

✓ No defects evident



## Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

## Door/s and door furniture

✗ Door binding suggest shaving or cutting

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## IMAGES



### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Bedroom 4

### General View

## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident



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## Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

## Cornice

✓ No defects evident

## Walls

✓ No defects evident

## Painting

✗ Average condition

## Floor

✓ No defects evident

## Blinds / Curtains

✓ No defects evident

## Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

## Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Robe

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

## Main Bathroom

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards, Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

## Walls

✗ Other

### EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Separation evident in areas  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

### IMAGES



## Walls

✗ Minor cracks evident in areas

### EXPLANATIONS

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

### IMAGES





## Painting

✗ Average condition

## Bathroom floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### IMAGES



## Shower Wall Tiles

✓ No defects evident

## Shower floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## IMAGES



### Shower Screen

✓ No defects evident

### Shower Recess Under Water Test

✓ No defects evident

### Taps/Mixer Shower

✓ No defects evident

### Shower Head

✓ No defects evident

### Basins

✓ No defects evident

### Vanity Cupboard

✗ Other

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments :  
Defect Significance:  
Defect Type:

Doors binding suggest adjusting hinges or replacing  
Minor  
E (Operational)



## IMAGES



### Taps/Mixer Vanity

✓ No defects evident

### Fixtures

✓ No defects evident

### Pan and cistern

✓ No defects evident

### Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

### Window/s

✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Top sash only  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## IMAGES



### Skirting tiles

✗ Cracked tiles

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

## IMAGES



### Skirting tiles

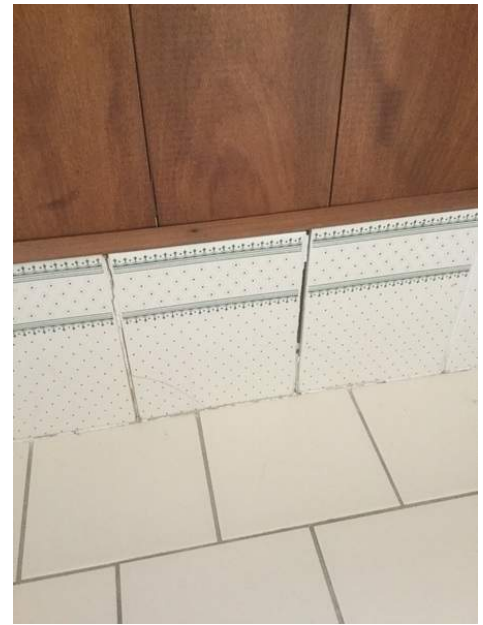
✗ Minor re-grout

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



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Architraves

✓ No defects evident

## Bathroom Second Level

General View

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## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Clutter, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Exhaust fan / heat light visually inspected not tested

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Wall Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

## EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



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Bathroom floor

✗ Cracked tiles evident

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

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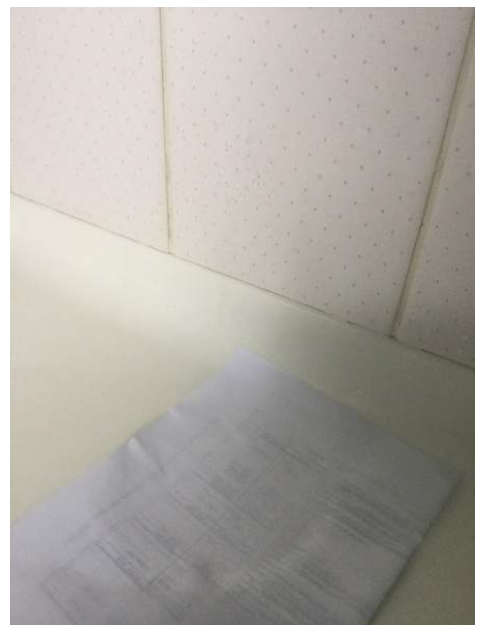
Shower Wall Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

IMAGES



## Shower floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Shower Screen

✓ No defects evident

## Shower Recess Under Water Test

✓ No defects evident

## Taps/Mixer Shower

✓ No defects evident

## Shower Head

✓ No defects evident

## Bath

✓ No defects evident

## Bath Splashback

✗ Re-seal at wall and basin junction

### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### IMAGES



### Bath Side Tiles

✓ No defects evident

### Taps/Mixer Bath

✓ No defects evident

### Basins

✓ No defects evident

### Vanity Cupboard

✓ No defects evident

### Taps/Mixer Vanity

✓ No defects evident

### Splashback Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and basin junction

#### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

#### IMAGES



### Fixtures

✓ No defects evident

### Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

### Window/s

✓ No defects evident



### Fly screens

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

## Toilet

### General View



### Access Limitations

✗ Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

Exhaust Fan visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

### Walls

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✓ No defects evident

## Pan and cistern

✗ Other

### EXPLANATIONS

**Comments :** Toilet base loose Suggest re-fixing to floor or replacing  
**Defect Significance:** Safety Hazard  
**Defect Type:** E (Operational)

### IMAGES



## Fixtures

✓ No defects evident

## Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

## Skirting tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## IMAGES



### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

## Laundry

### General View

## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Furniture, Closed Wardrobes/Cupboards, Clutter

### Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✓ No defects evident



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#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

#### Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Painting

✗ Average condition

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Tub

✓ No defects evident

#### Splashback

✓ No defects evident

#### Taps/Mixer Tub

✓ No defects evident

#### Taps Washing Machine

✓ No defects evident

#### Door/s and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

#### Rear Door and door furniture

✗ Other

#### EXPLANATIONS

**Comments :** Significant decay evident in areas  
**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)





## IMAGES



### Laundry Cupboard

✓ No defects evident

### Architraves

✓ No defects evident

### Skirting tiles

✓ No defects evident

## Services

### General View

## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

✗ Vegetation, Clutter

Water meter visually inspected not tested. A licensed plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Gas bottles & connections visually inspected not tested. A licensed plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Electricity meter box visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Hot water system visually inspected not tested. Hot water units with storage tanks must have the temperature set above 60 degrees to prevent bacteria forming within the tank and unit itself. A licensed plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Foxtel antenna visually inspected not tested. A licensed technician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

A/C indoor unit visually inspected not tested. A dwellings A/C units are not tested at the time of this visual pre-purchase inspection. We recommend the unit if evident to this property be serviced annually and its return air filters be cleaned on a regular basis as per the manufacturer's specifications. A licensed electrician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

A/C outdoor unit visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Oven/stove visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician or plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Cooktop visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician or plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Rangehood /Exhaust Fan visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

Dishwasher visually inspected not tested. A licensed electrician or plumber should be consulted for further advice, if required.

✓ No defects evident

## Smoke Detectors

General View

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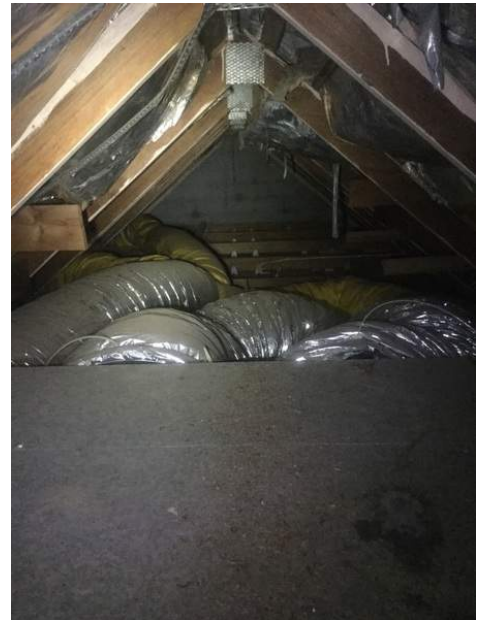
### Smoke Detectors

✗ Visually Inspected Not Tested. Smoke detectors are not tested at the time of this inspection. Therefore if unsure call a Licensed Electrician for further advice.

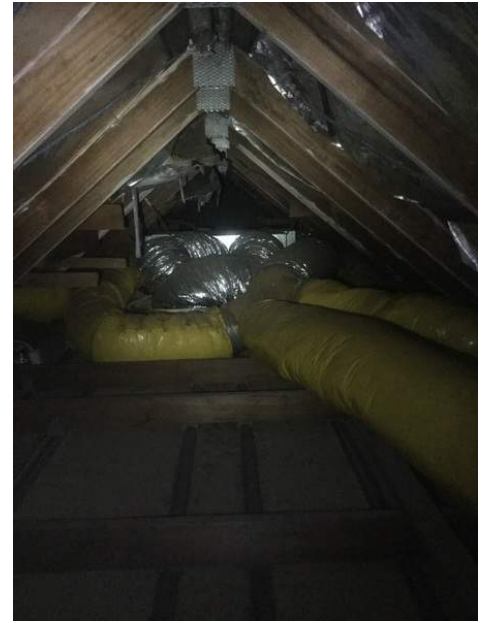
## Roof Void Space

### General View

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## IMAGES



### Access Limitations

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

### Corrugated Iron

✓ No defects evident

### Roof Structure

✓ No defects evident

### Common Rafters

✓ No defects evident

### Ceiling Joists

✓ No defects evident

### Top Plate

✓ No defects evident

### Insulation

✗ Insulation not installed

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

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Gyprock Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

Exhausts Fan / Heat Lights visually inspected not tested

✓ No defects evident

Reflective foil

✗ Sarking torn in areas

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

IMAGES





## Garage

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✗ Visual inspection hindered, Access hindered

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### Roof Covering

✓ No defects evident

### Roof Screws / Nails

✓ No defects evident

### Ridges

✓ No defects evident

### Barge capping

✓ No defects evident

### Fascia

✓ No defects evident

### Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### Downpipes

✓ No defects evident

### Blinds / Curtains

✗ Average condition

### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

### Front Roller Doors

✓ No defects evident

### Rear Exit Door/s

✗ Locking mechanism faulty

#### EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Suggest adjusting lock or striker plate  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)





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## Front Veranda

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✗ Vegetation, Clutter

### Roof Covering

✓ No defects evident

### Roof Screws / Nails

✓ No defects evident

## Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## Downpipes

✗ Leaking from joins rust evident

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

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## Rafters/Beams

✓ No defects evident

## Columns / Posts

✗ Significant wood decay evident

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



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## Decking

✗ Suggest oiling / staining for further weather protection

EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:**  
**Defect Type:**

Minor  
D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## IMAGES



### Stairs

✗ Other

## EXPLANATIONS

Comments : Broken cladding  
Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: A (Damage)

## IMAGES



### Ant capping

✓ No defects evident

### Bearers & Joists

✓ No defects evident





## Piers

✓ No defects evident

## Drainage

✗ Inadequate drainage

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### IMAGES



## Rear Veranda

### General View

### IMAGES



#### Access Limitations

✗ Vegetation, Clutter

#### Roof Covering

✓ No defects evident

#### Roof Screws / Nails

✓ No defects evident

#### Barge capping

✓ No defects evident

#### Fascia

✓ No defects evident

#### Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

#### Downpipes

✓ No defects evident

#### Rafters/Beams

✓ No defects evident

#### Columns / Posts

✗ Significant wood decay evident

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Safety Hazard  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

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Decking

✗ Suggest oiling / staining for further weather protection

EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

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Stairs

✓ No defects evident

Brick wall

✓ No defects evident





## Drainage

✓ No defects evident

## Exterior

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✗ Clutter, Vegetation

### Exterior cladding/cement sheeting finish

✗ Other

EXPLANATIONS

#### Comments :

Suggest oiling or staining for further weather protection

#### Defect Significance:

Minor

#### Defect Type:

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## IMAGES



### Exterior brick/render finish

✓ No defects evident

### External light fittings

✓ No defects evident

### Windows

✓ No defects evident

### Windows Trims

✓ No defects evident

### Window sills

✓ No defects evident

### Doors

✗ Other

## EXPLANATIONS

### Defect Significance:

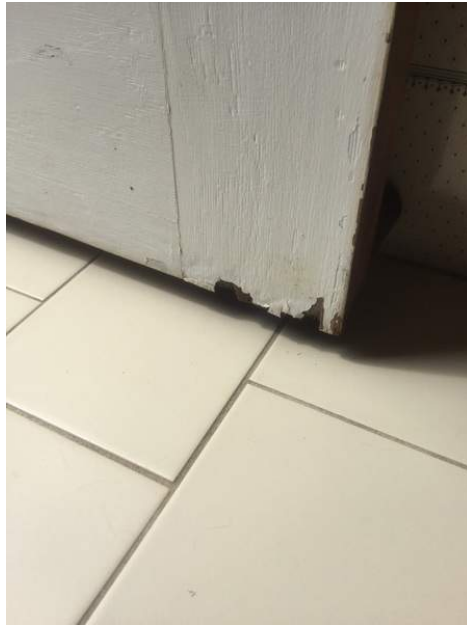
Minor

### Defect Type:

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## IMAGES



### Door sills

✓ No defects evident

### Painting

✗ Average condition

### Weep holes

✗ 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.

## EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)



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## Site

### General View

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### Access Limitations

✗ Vegetation, Clutter

### The site cleanliness

✓ No defects evident

### Driveway

✓ No defects evident

### Paths

✓ No defects evident



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✓ No defects evident

Timber Pailing Fencing

✗ Timber posts show timber decay & posts are leaning

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

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Retaining Walls

✗ Clothes Line

✓ No defects evident



## Tree's & Branches

- ✗ All or any trees associated to this property are to be assessed by an Arborist for their strength and in the event of any issues then these issues are to be dealt with immediately

## Drainage

- ✗ 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.

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

## Sub Floor

### General View

### IMAGES



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Access Limitations

✗ Visual inspection hindered

EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance : Further Investigation

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Flooring

✓ No defects evident



## Bearers & Joists

✗ Termite damage evident

### EXPLANATIONS

Comments :  
Defect Significance:  
Defect Type:

Termite workings evident see pest report  
Major  
D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### IMAGES



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## IMAGES



### Ant capping

✗ Ant capping inadequate

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### Piers

✓ No defects evident

### Brick wall

✓ No defects evident

### Ventilation

✗ Ventilation to the subfloor space was observed to be generally inadequate. To help protect against the degradation of timber caused by fungal decay and/or insect attack subfloor ventilation should be upgraded. A further detailed investigation (by a competent person e.g. a licensed building contractor) is recommended to determine the method and extent of any remedial work required, and associated costs. The above recommendation should be implemented as soon as possible.

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

### Drainage

✗ Inadequate drainage

#### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: C (Water Penetration Damp Related)



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Water pipes visually inspected not tested

✓ No defects evident

Electrical cables visually inspected not tested

✓ No defects evident

## Roof Exterior

General View

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Access Limitations

✗ Vegetation, Clutter

Roof Covering

✓ No defects evident



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#### Roof Screws / Nails

✓ No defects evident

#### Ridges

✓ No defects evident

#### Gable End

✓ No defects evident

#### Barge capping

✓ No defects evident

#### Bargeboard

✗ Significant wood decay was evident

#### EXPLANATIONS

**Defect Significance:** Minor  
**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

#### IMAGES



#### Flashings

✓ No defects evident

#### Chimney/Flue

✓ No defects evident

#### Drain waste vent

✓ No defects evident



## Fascia

✗ Visible wood decay damage was evident in areas

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### IMAGES



## Gutters

✗ Suggest cleaning

### EXPLANATIONS

Defect Significance: Minor  
Defect Type: E (Operational)

## Down pipe brackets

✓ No defects evident

## Down pipes

✓ No defects evident

## Asbestos and Mould

### Asbestos

✓ None observed at site

### Mould

✓ None observed at site





# 09 General Photographs

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# 10 Defects and Safety Issues

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## Safety Hazards in this Building:

### Passageway to Bedrooms (Optional)

#### Hand Rail

✗ All veranda's, decking, balconies and any internal void area railings, if applicable to this property must be a minimum height of 1.0metre high for compliance with the most recent Australian Standards. (If under 1.0m this is a safety hazard.)

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

### Stairs (Optional)

#### Hand Rail

✗ All veranda's, decking, balconies and any internal void area railings, if applicable to this property must be a minimum height of 1.0metre high for compliance with the most recent Australian Standards. (If under 1.0m this is a safety hazard.)

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

### Bedroom 1 (Optional)

#### Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)



## Bedroom 2 (Optional)

Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

## Bedroom 3 (Optional)

Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

## Bedroom 4 (Optional)

Window/s

✗ From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

## Toilet (Optional)

Pan and cistern

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Toilet base loose Suggest re-fixing to floor or replacing

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)



## Front Veranda

### Columns / Posts

✗ Significant wood decay evident

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Rear Veranda

### Columns / Posts

✗ Significant wood decay evident

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Safety Hazard

E (Operational)

## Major Defects in this Building:

### Sub Floor (Optional)

#### Bearers & Joists

✗ Termite damage evident

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Termite workings evident see pest report

Major

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## Minor and Other Defects in this Building:

### Kitchen (Optional)

#### Bottom Cupboards

✗ Drawers binding suggest adjusting or replacing guides to drawers

##### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)

#### Window/s

✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

##### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)

#### Window/s

✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

##### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Top sash only

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)

### Meals Area (Optional)

#### Window/s

✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

##### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)



## Window/s

✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Top sash only

Minor

E (Operational)

## Rear Exit Door

✗ Door Binding suggest shaving or cutting

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

## Lounge Room (Optional)

### Doors and door furniture

✗ Door damaged

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

A (Damage)

### Rear Door and door furniture

✗ Locking mechanism faulty

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Suggest adjusting or replacing

Minor

A (Damage)

## Front Entrance Area (Optional)

### Ceiling

✗ Cracks to lining evident in some areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

## Passageway to Bedrooms (Optional)

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks evident in areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

## Stairs (Optional)

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

### Walls

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

## Bedroom 1 (Optional)

### Ceiling

✗ Minor cracks were evident in areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

### Cornice

✗ Other

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Separation evident in areas

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

### Window/s

✗ Sash balances/cords require replacing

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

### Window/s

✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Top sash only

Minor

E (Operational)





## Bedroom 2 (Optional)

### Ceiling

✗ Damaged plasterboard evident

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

A (Damage)

## Bedroom 3 (Optional)

### Door/s and door furniture

✗ Door binding suggest shaving or cutting

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

## Main Bathroom (Optional)

### Walls

✗ Other

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Separation evident in areas

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)

### Walls

✗ Minor cracks evident in areas

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

B (Distortion, Warping, Twisting)



## Bathroom floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Shower floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Vanity Cupboard

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Doors binding suggest adjusting hinges or replacing

Minor

E (Operational)

## Window/s

✗ Window sashes painted shut could not be tested, suggest easing for operation. Sash balances/ cords may have to be replaced

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Top sash only

Minor

E (Operational)

## Skirting tiles

✗ Cracked tiles

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

A (Damage)



## Skirting tiles

✗ Minor re-grout

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Bathroom Second Level

### Wall Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### Bathroom floor

✗ Cracked tiles evident

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

A (Damage)

### Shower Wall Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## Shower floor

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Bath Splashback

✗ Re-seal at wall and basin junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Splashback Tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and basin junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Toilet (Optional)

### Skirting tiles

✗ Re-seal at wall and floor junction

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## Laundry (Optional)

Rear Door and door furniture

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Significant decay evident in areas

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Roof Void Space (Optional)

Insulation

✗ Insulation not installed

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

F (Installation, including omissions)

Reflective foil

✗ Sarking torn in areas

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

A (Damage)

## Garage (Optional)

Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)



## Rear Exit Door/s

✗ Locking mechanism faulty

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Suggest adjusting lock or striker plate

Minor

E (Operational)

## Front Veranda

### Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

### Downpipes

✗ Leaking from joins rust evident

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### Decking

✗ Suggest oiling / staining for further weather protection

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

### Stairs

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Broken cladding

Minor

A (Damage)

## Drainage

✗ Inadequate drainage

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Rear Veranda

### Gutters

✗ Gutters require a clean out

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

### Decking

✗ Suggest oiling / staining for further weather protection

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Exterior (Optional)

### Exterior cladding/cement sheeting finish

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Suggest oiling or staining for further weather protection

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## Doors

✗ Other

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Weep holes

✗ 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.

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)

## Site (Optional)

### Timber Pailing Fencing

✗ Timber posts show timber decay & posts are leaning

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Drainage

✗ 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.

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

C (Water Penetration Damp Related)



## Sub Floor (Optional)

### Ant capping

✗ Ant capping inadequate

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)

### Ventilation

✗ Ventilation to the subfloor space was observed to be generally inadequate. To help protect against the degradation of timber caused by fungal decay and/or insect attack subfloor ventilation should be upgraded. A further detailed investigation (by a competent person e.g. a licensed building contractor) is recommended to determine the method and extent of any remedial work required, and associated costs. The above recommendation should be implemented as soon as possible.

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

E (Operational)

### Drainage

✗ Inadequate drainage

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

C (Water Penetration Damp Related)

## Roof Exterior (Optional)

### Bargeboard

✗ Significant wood decay was evident

#### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Minor

Defect Type:

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)



## Fascia

✗ Visible wood decay damage was evident in areas

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion, decay)

## Gutters

✗ Suggest cleaning

### Explanation

Comments (Optional):

Defect Significance:

Defect Type:

Minor

E (Operational)



# 11 Other Inspections and Reports Required

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## Further Inspections/Searches Recommended



Timber PPI Pest (termite)  
inspection



Smoke Alarm  
Certification



Termite Treatment



Electrical Inspection




Plumbing inspection



Property Valuation



Sewer Diagram



Final survey



Home Owners  
Warranty



# 12 Conclusion & Summary

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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:

Termite workings evident on bearers & joists in subfloor area refer to pest report for more information. Gutters & downpipes are leaking at their joints in areas & need rectification. (Excessive leaking can cause "Conducive" conditions to possible termite attack.)

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.

Cornice joint cracking and cornice separation may be visible in some of the room areas. This is only minor and is normally common settlement only, unless otherwise stated in the body of this report.

Rooms to two story properties must not have furnishings within 1.0meter of an external window unless the window has penetration proof screening materials and are fixed in place and not easily removed. From Jan 2013 all second story bedroom windows must not open up more than .125mm.

Window and door venetians, blinds and or curtain cords can be a choke hazard if left dangling in view of toddlers.

Any other associated marks, indents, holes, scratches, cracks and/or poorly patched areas to some of the wall and ceiling areas internally can be rectified prior to the next time of repainting.

Smoke detectors are not tested at the time of this inspection. Therefore if unsure call a Licensed Electrician for further advice.

Balconies, decks and suspended verandas that have timber or metal railings and or enclosures must be maintained in a way to prevent wood decay, wood rot, metal corrosion and rusting from occurring that may allow a person to fall over or through the structure.

A dwellings A/C units are not tested at the time of this visual pre-purchase inspection. We recommend the unit if evident to this property be serviced annually and its return air filters be cleaned on a regular basis as per the manufacturer's specifications.

Hot Water Services with storage tanks must not set below 60degrees to prevent bacteria forming in the system. A clear hose should be fitted to the overflow pipe and redirected into an appropriate drainage inlet point, (A LICENSED PLUMBER SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR FURTHER ADVICE, IF REQUIRED. The age of the existing unit is unknown.) (NOTE: we do not test



the pressure relief valves on freestanding hot water units as this valve may break, seize or leak due to lack of testing over a period of time by the owners of properties.) NOTE: hot water units with storage tanks must have the temperature set above 60degrees to prevent bacteria forming within the tank and unit itself.

As a general comment, any A/C unit/s condensation drainage outlets must also be directed into or over an appropriate drainage inlet point, also with a clear hose only. PC Appliances:(Dishwashers, Range Hoods, Ovens, Hot Plates & Microwave units are not tested in a visual pre purchase inspection as this is out of our area of expertise). The shower tap flanges should be sealed and then must be re-sealed annually to the wall tile surface for the prevention of internal wall damage.

Trees: Where trees are too close to the dwelling house, then this could affect the performance of the dwellings footings as the moisture levels change within the ground. A Geotechnical Engineer's Inspection can determine the foundation material and advice on the best course of action with regards to the trees. Council approval is required for the removal of trees.

TREES: All or any trees associated to this property are to be assessed by an Arborist for their strength and in the event of any issues then these issues are to be dealt with immediately. Trees can cause issues to a dwellings foundations if they are within 3.0m of the dwellings exterior.

The purpose of this inspection is to provide advice to the Client regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection. This inspection comprised a visual assessment only of the property to identify any defects and to form an opinion regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

Verbal estimates if given are only opinions of costs of rectification. The knowledge, calculations and experience of the inspector are calculation only of possible costs that may be required. We accept no liability for any estimates provided throughout our inspection and report. It is essential you obtain independent prices from other qualified tradespeople for the works, if and when required.

This Report does not make comment on area that may or are concealed. This report is an assessment or detection of any defects, (including rising damp and any leaks) which may be due to certain weather conditions. Whether or not services have been used (e.g. In the case of shower enclosures the absence of any dampness at the time of the inspection does not necessarily mean that the enclosure will not leak.) The presence or absence of timber pests. Any Gas fittings. Common property areas. Local or near noise levels. Any health and safety issues. Any security concerns. Fire protection. Any detection of illegal building or plumbing of electrical works. We do not comment and any arrears out of our area of expertise.

This inspected properties site classification can be confirmed with your local Council or by obtaining a Geotechnical Engineers Inspection and Report. In addition the CSIRO has a brochure available from your local Council in reference to foundation maintenance. We are in no way connected or associated with any of the intended negotiations between the Purchaser, the Real Estate Agent, the Bank, the Lender or the Vendor. The sale of this inspected property is the sole responsibility of the selling Agent or the Vendor and we do not become entangled in such negotiations, under any circumstances.

No Liability shall be accepted on an account of failure within the Report to notify any problems in the areas of the subject property physically inaccessible for inspection or if access for Inspection is denied by or to the Inspector.

I the inspector, is not responsible for events or any further damage occurring to this as inspected property after the time of this property inspection, as dated.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY TO ANY THIRD PARTIES: We will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense, whatsoever, suffered or incurred by any person other than you in connection with the use of this Inspection Report. The only Person to whom we may be liable and to whom losses arising in contract or tort sustained may be payable by us, is the Client named on the face page of this report.

**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 this Report and anything in this summary, the information in the report shall override that in this summary.





# 13 Contact

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We take this opportunity to thank you for your instructions.

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

Yours faithfully,



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# 14 Terms & Conditions

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## 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

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**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

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**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 or 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 quadrant 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 oblique 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.

# 17 General Site Notes

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## 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.