



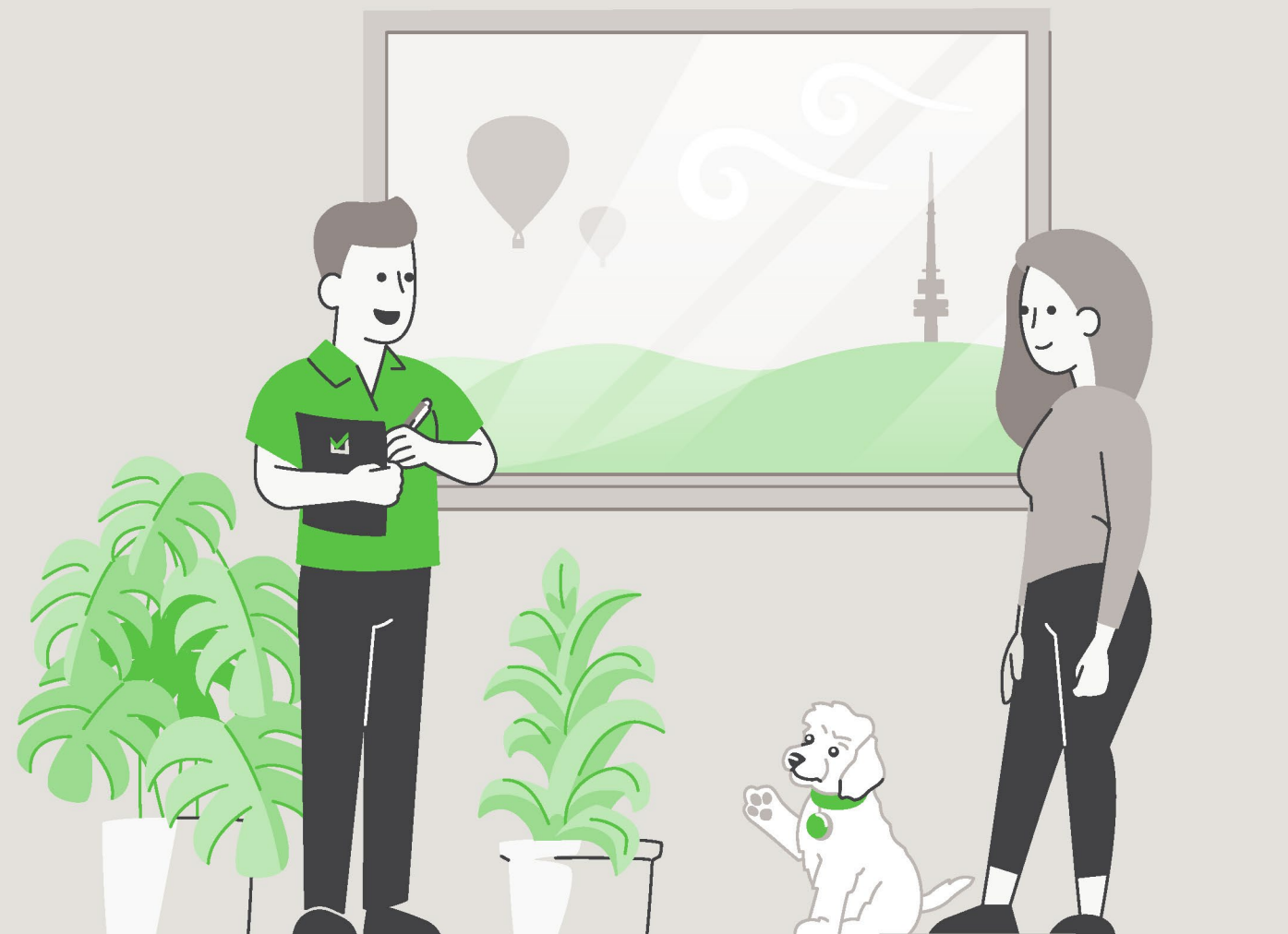
**ACT  
PROPERTY  
INSPECTIONS**

**81 Tharwa Road,  
Queanbeyan West NSW 2620**

**Report prepared: Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Building Report  
Timber Pest Inspection Report  
Insurance Certificates  
Tax Invoice

# Report



# Building Report



## CONCLUSION AND 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 are 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: **Medium**

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

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

**Please Note:** This is a general appraisal only and cannot be relied upon 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 the Report and anything in this Summary, the information in the Report shall override that in this Summary.

## PROPERTY STATISTICS

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Building Report	Average
Pest Inspection	No active subterranean termites (live specimen) were found
Inspection Date	Wednesday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Name of Assessor	Daniel Hartgers
Reference Number	61313
Address of Property Inspected	81 Tharwa Rd, Queanbeyan West NSW 2620
Client	Yuan and Heng
Lot & Plan Number	Lot 3 DP 577110
Weather conditions at time of Inspection	Fine
Occupancy Status	Unoccupied

\*The table above is to be used as a quick reference. Please read the full Report before reaching your conclusion regarding the condition of the Property.

## PROPERTY CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Flooring	Timber bearer and joists to the main living areas. Concrete slab to the wet areas
External walls	Brick veneer
Roof framing	Timber: Truss roof framing
Roof cladding	Concrete roof tiles
Glazing	Single glazed windows
Cooktop	Gas cooktop
Oven	Electric oven

\* Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the property construction details, we accept no responsibility for any inaccuracies of construction details or testing of appliances.

## GENERAL ACCESS LIMITATIONS

Internal	The house was unfurnished at the time of inspection, allowing a full visual inspection to be carried out
External	No inspection was made to sections of the garage built on the side boundary
Roof void	NOTE. Inspection around the eaves was restricted due to low pitch and clearance to allow bodily access in this area. This allows only for a limited visual inspection from a distance to be carried out. Other restrictions found in the roof void: Insulation on top of ceiling restricting visual inspection of the ceiling framing
Subfloor	The visual inspection of the subfloor framing was restricted in areas due to ductwork installed throughout the subfloor
On-top of roof	The inspection was restricted to visually looking from a 3.6m ladder lent against the gutter in several areas around the building
Garage/Retreat	The inspection of the garage/retreat was very restricted due to several stored goods being kept in the area at the time of inspection

\*Where access is noted as limited or restricted, it is recommended that access be gained to these areas as these areas may contain concealed defects.

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Good</b>	The item is in the Inspector's opinion of an acceptable standard with no defects visible. Superficial defects will not be commented on
<b>Fair</b>	The item in the Inspector's opinion has some minor defects and requires minimal maintenance or repair
<b>Poor</b>	The item in the Inspector's opinion needs significant repair or replacement

## ENTRANCE

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	The screen door is binding. Recommend adjustment/maintenance
Floor coverings	Good

## FAMILY ROOM

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Floor coverings	The floor vent cover is broken. Recommend replacement

## DINING ROOM

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Floor coverings	Good

## LOUNGE ROOM

Ceiling	There are signs of slight sagging in the ceiling plasterboard separation. This is typical for a home of this age and can be left as is and monitored
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	The external sliding door requires repairs to operate. One internal door has been removed from the door jamb. Recommend re-hanging the door
Floor coverings	Good
Cabinets	Good

## KITCHEN

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Taps	The kitchen sink spout is leaking. Recommend repairs by a qualified tradesperson
Kitchen cupboards	Good
Bench top	Fair/serviceable condition. There are some marks and signs of general wear
Splashback	The silicone joint between the bench top and the bottom of the splashback requires re-application. This is part of normal ongoing maintenance
Exhaust fan	The exhaust fan was operational at the time of inspection

## HALLWAY

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Linen cupboard	Good

**BEDROOM 1**

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Wardrobes	Good

**BEDROOM 2**

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Wardrobe	Good

**BEDROOM 3**

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Wardrobe	The doors are binding. Recommend adjustment/maintenance

**BEDROOM 4**

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good

**ENSUITE**

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Several missing tiles were noted behind the toilet. Repairs may be a consideration
Door hardware	Timber decay was noted to the timber door jamb adjacent the shower. This has likely been caused by the leaking shower
Floor coverings	Fair/serviceable
Shower screen	Cracked panels of glass were noted. Recommend replacement
Water leakage in shower area?	An inspection from under the floor indicated that the shower is leaking. Recommend engaging a qualified tradesperson to rectify
Vanity/Basin	The vanity is showing signs of water damage at the ground level. This is likely to be caused by the leak associated with the shower
Taps	Good
Exhaust fan	The exhaust fan was operational at the time of inspection
Toilet suite	There are signs the toilet has leaked previously. No water leakage was detected at the time of inspection. Apart from monitoring no action is required

## BATHROOM

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	Good
Floor coverings	Good
Shower screen	The shower screen doors are not operational. Recommend replacement
Water leakage in shower area?	An inspection from under the floor indicated that the shower is leaking. Recommend engaging a qualified tradesperson to rectify
Vanity/Basin	The shelf in the vanity is showing minor signs of water damage. The taps were turned on for several minutes with no water leaks evident. The shelf is still serviceable, and repairs are considered optional. Minor cracking noted to the vanity top/basin. The vanity is still in functional condition. Repairs are not required. The silicone joint between the basin and the wall requires re-application of silicone. This is part of normal ongoing maintenance
Taps	Good
Bath	The bath has marks and signs of general wear; however, it is still in serviceable condition
Exhaust fan	The exhaust fan was operational at the time of inspection; however, it makes a shuddering noise during operation. Repairs may be a consideration

## TOILET

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Small holes were noted behind the toilet. This is considered a cosmetic defect
Door and door hardware	The door handle requires general repairs/maintenance in order to latch
Floor coverings	Good
Exhaust fan	An exhaust fan is not installed; however, ventilation is provided to the room by opening the window
Toilet suite	Good

## LAUNDRY

Ceiling	Good
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	The internal door is binding. Recommend adjustment/maintenance
Floor coverings	Several fractured and missing floor tiles were noted. Recommend repairs by a qualified tradesperson
Laundry tub	The laundry tub is showing signs of general wear and rust. The tub is still considered to be in serviceable condition. An inspection inside the laundry tub cupboard indicated there had been previous water leakage causing minor mould growth inside. Recommend treatment of the mould
Splashback	Good
Exhaust fan	An exhaust fan is not installed; however, ventilation is provided to the room by opening the window

## ROOF CAVITY

Construction	Good
Is sarking installed under the roof lining?	There are several tears found in the reflective foil under the roof lining. Small leaks may occur from condensation. Recommend patching the tears using a foil tape



## SUBFLOOR

Subfloor soil conditions	The subfloor soil was generally dry; however, there were some areas of elevated moisture levels found in the soil and there were signs water channelling. Recommend repairs by a plumber/drainier
Ventilation	The ventilation was restricted, due to the ducting in the subfloor region minimising cross ventilation.
Floor structure	Areas of elevated moisture, water staining, and timber decay were noted to the flooring under and adjacent the bathroom, ensuite and laundry. The floor was still considered to be structurally adequate at the time of inspection. Recommend repairs to the areas above and monitoring
Access door to subfloor area	The access door requires repairs/adjustment

## EXTERIOR

Driveway and paths	Several areas of cracking and movement noted in the exterior concrete. The cracking and movement found is typical for a home of this age
Roof covering	Several chipped tiles were noted on the roof. This is unlikely to cause a leak due to the overlap in the tiles
Roof pointing	Areas of flaking roof pointing noted on the roof capping tiles. This is common on tiled roofs and is unlikely to cause a leak. As a preventative measure, recommend re-pointing the affected areas
Eaves	Some movement noted in the eave lining. Recommend monitoring and, if necessary, re-fix the eaves back into original position
Gutters	The gutters are showing signs of corrosion/leakage and require repairs/replacement
External walls	Good. No major cracking noted
Windows	A broken windowpane was noted to the ensuite window. Recommend replacement by a glazier. The rubber glazing beads are coming away from the glazing in several windows. Recommend repairs by a qualified tradesperson
Fences	Fences are in a fair/serviceable condition
Front veranda	The handrails have been constructed lower than 1m in height. Although the handrails were compliant at the time of the initial construction, consideration should be given to raising the handrail height to 1m or above to eliminate the fall potential. The edge of the concrete is breaking away, repairs may be a consideration. Some movement noted in the timber ceiling lining. Recommend monitoring and, if necessary, re-fix the eaves back into original position
Laundry landing	The handrails have been constructed lower than 1m in height. Although the handrails were compliant at the time of the initial construction, consideration should be given to raising the handrail height to 1m or above to eliminate the fall potential
Pergola and BBQ area	Fair/serviceable condition
Gates	The gates require general repairs and maintenance
Retaining walls	Some movement was noted in the retaining walls. The walls are still retaining the ground behind the wall adequately. Apart from monitoring, no action is required
Pond safety	Recommend installation of a safety barrier to prevent a potential safety hazard
Site drainage	Due to the moisture levels and water channelling noted in the subfloor soil, it is recommended to engage a plumber/drainier to rectify the site drainage

## GARAGE

Structure	Good
Slab	Good. Some minor cracking of the concrete was noted. The cracking found is considered normal
Roof covering	Good
Roof pointing	Good
Fascia	Areas of general weathering and timber decay noted in several end sections of the timber fascia. Recommend re-painting the fascia to slow the weathering process
Gutters	The gutters are in a fair/serviceable condition. They are showing early signs of corrosion. Recommend removing the corrosion and re-painting with a rust/corrosion inhibitor
Eaves	Water staining was noted to the underside of the eaves, this has likely been caused by previous broken roof pointing above. The roof has been repointed and apart from monitoring no action is required
Walls	Good. No major cracking noted
Garage door	Good
Is an auto opener installed on the roller door?	Yes

## BEDSITTER/RETREAT

Ceiling	There are signs of sagging in the ceiling plasterboard separation. If further movement is noted, recommend engaging a qualified tradesperson to rectify
Walls	Good
Door and door hardware	The screen door requires repairs. General weathering noted to the bottom of the door
Floor coverings	Several cracked/fractured floor tiles were noted. The floor is still considered to be in serviceable condition and repairs are optional
Kitchenette and joinery	The kitchenette and joinery are in poor condition with water damage, timber decay and mould growth evident, recommend replacement
Shower and toilet structure	The shower and toilet structure are in poor condition with signs of water damage/leakage. Recommend removal or replacement

## DEFINITIONS

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

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

**Below Average:** The Building and its parts show some significant defects and/or very poor non- tradesman like workmanship and/or long-term neglect and/or defects requiring major repairs or reconstruction of major building elements.

**Client:** The person or persons, for whom the Inspection Report was carried out or their Principal (i.e., the person or persons for whom the report is being obtained).

**Building Consultant:** A person, business or company who is qualified and experienced to undertake a pre-purchase inspection in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4349.1-2007 'Inspection of Buildings. Part 1: Pre-Purchase Inspections – Residential Buildings'. The consultant must also meet any Government licensing requirement, where applicable.

**Building & Site:** The inspection of the nominated residence together with relevant features including any car accommodation, detached laundry, ablution facilities and garden sheds, retaining walls more than 700 mm high, paths and driveways, steps, fencing, earth, embankments, surface water drainage and storm water run-off within 30 m of the building, but within the property boundaries. In the case of strata and company title properties, the inspection is limited to the interior and immediate exterior of the nominated residence and does not include inspection of common property.

**Readily Accessible Areas:** Areas which can be easily and safely inspected without injury to person or property, are up to 3.6 metres above ground or floor levels or accessible from a 3.6 metre ladder, in roof spaces where the minimum area of accessibility is not less than 600 mm high by 600 mm wide and subfloor spaces where the minimum area of accessibility is not less than 400 mm high by 600 mm wide, providing the spaces or areas permit entry. Or where these clearances are not available, areas within the consultant's unobstructed line of sight and within arm's length.

**Structure:** The loadbearing part of the building, comprising the Primary Elements.

**Primary Elements:** Those parts of the building providing the basic loadbearing capacity to the Structure, such as foundations, footings, floor framing, loadbearing walls, beams, or columns. The term 'Primary Elements' also includes other structural building elements including those that provide a level of personal protection such as handrails; floor-to-floor access such as stairways; and the structural flooring of the building such as floorboards.

**Secondary Elements:** Those parts of the building not providing loadbearing capacity to the Structure, or those non-essential elements which, in the main, perform a completion role around openings in Primary Elements and the building in general such as non-loadbearing walls, partitions, wall linings, ceilings, chimneys, flashings, windows, glazing or doors.

**Finishing Elements:** The fixtures, fittings and finishes applied or affixed to Primary Elements and Secondary Elements such as baths, water closets, vanity basins, kitchen cupboards, door furniture, window hardware, render, floor, and wall tiles, trim or paint. The term 'Finishing Elements' does not include furniture or soft floor coverings such as carpet and lino.

**Major Defect:** A defect of significant 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.

**Safety Hazard:** Any item that may constitute an immediate or imminent risk to life, health, or property. Occupational, health and safety or any other consequence of these hazards has not been assessed.

**Tests:** Where appropriate the carrying out of tests using the following procedures and instruments:

Dampness Tests means additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be particularly susceptible to damp problems. Instrument testing using electronic moisture detecting meter of those areas and other visible accessible elements of construction showing evidence of dampness was performed. Physical Tests means the following physical actions undertaken by the consultant: opening and shutting of doors, windows and draws; operation of taps; water testing of shower recesses; and the tapping of tiles and wall plaster.

## IMPORTANT ADVICE

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**NB.** In the case of strata and company title properties, the Inspection is limited to the interior and immediate exterior of the particular unit being inspected. The exterior above ground floor level is not inspected. The complete Inspection of other common property areas would be the subject of a Special-Purpose Inspection Report which is adequately specified.

**Trees:** Where trees are too close to the house this could affect the performance of the footing as the moisture levels change in the ground. A Geotechnical Inspection can determine the foundation material and provide advice on the best course of action with regards to the trees.

**The Septic Tanks:** Should be inspected by a licensed plumber.

**Swimming Pools:** Swimming Pools/Spas are not part of the Standard Building Report under AS4349.1-2007 and are not covered by this Report. We strongly recommend a pool expert should be consulted to examine the pool and the pool equipment and plumbing, as well as the requirements to meet the standard for pool fencing. Failure to conduct this Inspection and put into place the necessary recommendations could result in finds for non-compliance under the legislation.

**Surface Water Drainage:** The retention of water from surface run off could have an effect on the foundation material which in turn could affect the footings to the house. Best practice is to monitor the flow of surface water during rainfall and stormwater runoff and have the water directed away from the house or to storm water pipes by a licensed plumber/drainier.

**Weep Holes:** External brick (and stone) walls are a porous material that behave much like a sponge. During a rain event, the masonry wall absorbs water and actually stores it. The weep holes are designed for two purposes. 1. To provide an opening to allow water to drain out through the bottom of the wall. 2. To allow ventilating air to enter behind the wall to help dry the structure. If weep holes have been noted as being not installed, it is recommended to consult a builder on how to best rectify the problem.

**Water Leaks from Roof:** The inspector cannot, and does not, offer an opinion on whether the roof currently leaks or may be subject to future leaks. The only way to determine whether a roof is absolutely watertight is to make observations during prolonged rainfall.

**Subfloor dampness:** The presence of dampness is not always consistent as the prevailing and recent weather conditions at the time an inspection is carried out may affect the detection of damp problems. The absence of any dampness at the time of inspection does not necessarily mean the building will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions. Likewise, whether or not services have been used for some time prior to an inspection being carried out will affect the detection of dampness.

**Shower:** Where a shower recess has been water tested, and no leakage was evident, this does not necessarily mean that the shower will not leak after prolonged use. Accordingly, to fully detect and assess a damp problem may require the monitoring of the building over a period of time.

## SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

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**Any person who relies upon the contents of this Report does so acknowledging that the following clauses, which define the Scope and Limitations of the Inspection, form an integral part of the Report.**

**1) This Report is not an all-encompassing** Report dealing with the building from every aspect. It is a reasonable attempt to identify any obvious or significant defects apparent at the time of the Inspection. Whether or not a defect is considered significant or not, depends to a large extent upon the age and type of the building inspected. This Report is not a Certificate of Compliance with the requirements of any Act, Regulation, Ordinance or By-law. It is not a structural Report. Should you require any advice of a structural nature you should contact a structural engineer.

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

**3) This Report does not and cannot make comment upon:** Defects that may have been concealed; the assessment or detection of defects (including rising damp and leaks) which may be subject to the prevailing weather conditions; whether or not services have been used for some time prior to the Inspection and whether this will affect the detection of leaks or other defects (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; gas-fittings; common property areas; environmental concerns; the proximity of the property to flight paths, railways, or busy traffic; noise levels; health and safety issues; heritage concerns; security concerns; fire protection; site drainage (apart from **surface** water drainage); swimming pools and spas (non-structural); detection and identification of illegal building work; detection and identification of illegal plumbing work; durability of exposed finishes; neighbourhood problems; document analysis; electrical installation; any matters that are solely regulated by statute; any area(s) or item(s) that could not be inspected by the consultant.

Accordingly, this Report is NOT a guarantee that defects and/or damage does not exist in any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property.

**NB.** Such matters may, upon request, be covered under the terms of a 'Special-Purpose Property Report'.

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

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

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

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

**(b)** The arbitration will be held within twenty one (21) days of the Arbitrator receiving the written submissions.

The Arbitrator will make a decision determining the dispute or claim within twenty one (21) of the final day of the arbitration. The Arbitrator may, as part of his determination, determine what costs, if any, each of the parties are to pay and the time by which the parties must be paid any settlement or costs.

The decision of the Arbitrator is final and binding on both parties. Should the Arbitrator order either party to pay any settlement amount or costs to the other party but not specify a time for payment, then such payment shall be made within twenty one (21) days of the order.

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

**5) Asbestos Disclaimer: “No Inspection for Asbestos was carried out at the property, and no Report on the presence or absence of Asbestos is provided”.**

Buildings built prior to 1982 may have wall and/or ceiling sheeting, and other products including roof sheeting that contains Asbestos. Even buildings built after this date, up until the early 90s, may contain some Asbestos. Sheeting should be fully sealed. If you are concerned, the building was built prior to 1990, or if asbestos is noted as present within the property, then you should seek advice from a qualified asbestos removal expert as to the amount and importance of the asbestos present and the cost of sealing or removal. Drilling, cutting, or removing sheeting or products containing Asbestos is a high risk to peoples’ health. You should seek advice from a qualified asbestos removal expert.

**6) Mould (Mildew and non-wood decay fungi) Disclaimer:** Mildew and non-wood decay fungi are commonly known as mould. However, mould and their spores may cause health problems or allergic reactions, such as asthma and dermatitis in some people. No Inspection for mould was carried out at the property, and no Report on the presence or absence of mould is provided. If mould is noted as present within the property, or if you notice mould and you are concerned as to the possible health risk resulting from its presence, then you should seek advice from your local Council, State or Commonwealth Government Health Department, or a qualified expert such as an Industry Hygienist.

**7) Magnesite Flooring Disclaimer:** No Inspection for Magnesite Flooring was carried out at the property, and no Report on the presence or absence of Magnesite Flooring is provided. You should ask the owner whether Magnesite Flooring is present and/or seek advice from a Structural Engineer.

**8) Estimating Disclaimer:** Any estimates provided in this Report are merely opinions of possible costs that could be encountered, based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector, and are not estimates in the sense of being a calculation of the likely costs to be incurred. The estimates are NOT a guarantee or quotation for work to be carried out. The actual cost is ultimately dependent upon the materials used, standard of work carried out, and what a contractor is prepared to do the work for. It is recommended in ALL instances that multiple independent quotes are sourced prior to any work being carried out. The inspector accepts no liability for any estimates provided throughout this Report.

**9) Note:** If the Client has any doubt about the purpose, scope, and acceptance criteria on which the Report was based please discuss your concerns with the Consultant on receipt of the Report. The Client acknowledges that, unless stated otherwise, the Client as a matter of urgency should implement any recommendation or advice given in this Report.

## IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

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**Disclaimer Liability:** No Liability shall be accepted on an account of failure of the Report to notify any problems in the area(s) or section(s) of the subject property physically inaccessible for Inspection, or to which access for Inspection is denied by or to the Inspector (including but not limited to or any area(s) or section(s) so specified by the Report).

**Disclaimer of Liability to Third Parties:** Compensation will only be payable for losses arising in contract or tort sustained by the Client named on the front of this Report. Any third party acting or relying on this Report, in whole or in part, does so entirely at their own risk. However, if ordered by a Real Estate Agent or a Vendor for the purpose of auctioning a property, then the Inspection Report may be ordered up to seven (7) days prior to the auction, copies may be given out prior to the auction and the Report will have a life of 14 days during which time it may be transferred to the purchaser. Providing the purchaser agrees to the terms of this agreement, then they may rely on the Report subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement and the Report itself.

**NB.** In the ACT under the Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003 and Regulations, the Report resulting from this Inspection may be passed to the purchaser as part of the sale process, providing it is carried out no more than three months prior to listing and is not more than six months old.

**Limited Liability to a Purchaser within the Australian Capital Territory only:** Within the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and in accordance with the ACT Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003 and Regulations, a copy of the Report may be attached to the Contract for Sale.

**WARNING:** The Purchaser is advised that this Report reflects the condition of the property existing at the time of the Inspection (Inspection Date) and may not reflect the current state. It is, therefore, very strongly recommended that you promptly arrange for another Inspection and Report in accordance with Australian Standard AS4349.1 to be carried out prior to the expiration of the 'Cooling off Period' and settlement.

**This is not a Compliance Report strictly in accordance with Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Regulations:** The Report may contain copies of any approved plans, building approvals, building permit and Certificates of Occupancy. However, any comments made by the person who prepared the Report as to whether or not, in the opinion of the Inspector, the structures on the land substantially comply with the approved plans (if any) are made on the basis of a cursory glance of the plans and not upon a detailed examination. Any opinion expressed as to whether or not any building approval or approval under the Land (Planning and Environment) Act, 1991, is based on the limited knowledge and belief, at the time, of the Inspector. The Purchaser is advised that a Special Purpose Report is available through the Inspector to advise more fully in respect to these matters. The structures may have been damaged by pests, storm, strong wind or fire or the Vendor may have carried out alterations and/or additions to the Property since the Inspection Date. The Report may no longer reflect the true condition of the Property. The structure(s) may no longer be in accordance with the attached plans etc. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that, if the Purchaser has any concerns in respect to the compliance of the structures, a Special Purpose Report be obtained. Alternatively, the Purchaser should rely upon his, her or their own enquiries.

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

## OTHER INSPECTIONS AND REPORTS REQUIRED

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It is strongly recommended that the following Inspections and Reports be obtained prior to any decision to purchase the Property. Obtaining these Reports will better equip the purchaser to make an informed decision. Although appliances may be listed in the Report, they have not been tested as this is outside the scope of the standard Building Inspection. Other Inspections we recommend the purchaser obtains before making their decision are:

- Electrical Inspection,
- Plumbing Inspection,
- Structural (Engineer),
- Geotechnical Inspection,
- Drainage Inspection,
- Asbestos Inspection,
- Mould Inspection,
- Gas fitting Inspection,
- Appliances Inspection,
- Air-conditioning Inspection,
- Alarm/Intercom/Data Systems,
- Hydraulics Inspection,
- Mechanical Services,
- Hazards Inspection,
- Fire/Chimney Inspection,
- Estimating Report,
- Garage Door Mechanical,
- Durability exposed surfaces

## SMOKE DETECTORS

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The occupier/purchaser should satisfy themselves as to the working condition of the smoke detectors, if installed. It is highly recommended that suitable smoke detectors be installed in all residential properties. AS 3786 advises that smoke detectors are required for all buildings where people sleep. It is recommended that an electrician be consulted to advise on those installed or install these detectors.

## CRACKING OF BUILDING ITEMS

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Regardless of the type of crack(s), a Pre-Purchase Building Inspector carrying out a Pre-Purchase Inspection within the scope of a visual Inspection is unable to determine the expected consequences of the cracks.

Obtaining Information regarding the below all fall outside the scope of this Pre-Purchase Inspection:

- (a)** The nature of the foundation material on which the building is resting,
- (b)** The design of the footings,
- (c)** The site landscape,
- (d)** The history of the cracks and,
- (e)** Carrying out an invasive Inspection.

However, the information obtained from the five items above is valuable in determining the expected consequences of the cracking and any remedial work needed. Cracks that are small in width and length on the day of the Inspection may have the potential to develop over time into structural problems for the homeowner, resulting in major expensive rectification work being carried out. If cracks have been identified in the Report above, then a Structural Engineer is required to determine the significance of the cracking prior to a decision to purchase.



## **NOTICE TO THE PURCHASER (ACT ONLY)**

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**(a)** At the Exchange, and prior to the 'Cooling-off Period', you were given an Inspection Report on the property you intend on purchasing. This Report reflects the condition of the property existing at the time of the Inspection (Inspection Date) and may not reflect the current state. The structures may have been damaged by pests, storm, strong wind or fire or the vendor may have carried out alterations and/or additions to the property since the Inspection date. The Report may no longer reflect the true condition of the property. The structure(s) may no longer be in accordance with the attached plans etc. It is, therefore, very strongly recommended that you urgently arrange for another Inspection and Report in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4349.1 to be carried out prior to exchange, or prior to the expiration of any 'Cooling Off Period' and prior to settlement.

**(b)** If the Report indicated the presence of termite damage, or recommends any other Inspections or treatments, you should obtain copies of these Reports and any treatment proposals, certificates of treatment carried out, including details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices, and any other Reports. It is strongly recommended that you arrange for an Inspection and Report in accordance with AS 4349.3 to verify that the treatment has been successful and carried out in accordance with AS 3660.2, and a further building Inspection in accordance with AS 4349.1.

**(c)** If you fail to procure a further Inspection and Report as recommended in (a) and (b), or fail to obtain copies of other Reports, treatment proposals, certificates of treatment carried out, details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices and any other Reports as recommended in (b) above, then you agree that you have decided not to have a further Inspection and Report carried out, or to obtain copies of treatment proposals, certificates of treatment carried out, details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices and any other Reports and have relied upon your own enquires and the Report, knowing the possible consequences, and that the condition of the property, as stated in the Report, may have changed.

**(d)** You agree that the person carrying out the Inspection **and** the company, partnership or sole trader that employs that person will have no liability to you for any damage or loss you may suffer as a result of your entering the contract to purchase the property, or in connection with completing the purchase of the property as a result of your failure to heed the advice given in (a) and (b) and the warning contained in (c) above, and may use such failure in defense of any claim that you may later make against any of them.

**NB.** It is a condition of your right to rely upon the Report that you transmit by fax, post, or otherwise deliver the signed "Notice to the Purchaser" (ACT only) to the company, partnership or sole trader at the address detailed on the front of the Report not less than four (4) days prior to the date of settlement. If you fail to complete, sign, or deliver the Notice then it will be deemed that you did not rely upon the report in respect to your decision as to whether or not to purchase the property. This may seriously affect any rights to future compensation to which you may be entitled.

**Please cross out the statement below that does not apply: - At the date of settlement, not more than 180 days will have elapsed since the Inspection date.**

**1.** I/We have read and understood the 'Limited Liability to a Purchaser within the Australian Capital Territory only' clause of the Report, and this Notice to the Purchaser. I/We have not arranged for another inspection and report in respect of the property, and it is my/our intention to **rely upon the findings contained in the report**; or

**2.** I/We have **arranged for another Inspection of the Property and Report** to be carried out, which I/We will use in conjunction with this Report in deciding whether to proceed with the purchase of the property; or

**3.** I/We have read and understood the 'Limited Liability to a Purchaser within the Australian Capital Territory only' clause of the Report, and this Notice to the Purchaser. I/We have not arranged for another Inspection and Report in respect of the property and have **relied on my/our own enquiries in respect of the condition of the property** as at the date of settlement including any changes in the condition of the property that have taken place since the Inspection date stated in the Report

# Timber Pest Report



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## SUMMARY SHEET

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**Property Address:** 81 Tharwa Rd, Queanbeyan West NSW 2620  
**Client:** Yuan and Heng  
**Inspection Date:** Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025  
**Inspection carried out by:** Daniel Hartgers

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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 the Report, and anything in this summary, the information in the Report shall override that in the summary. The Report is subject to conditions and limitations. Your attention is particularly drawn to the clauses, disclaimer of liability to third parties, and to the notice to the purchaser at the back of this Report.

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### 1.0 ACCESS LIMITATIONS

**There were access limitations to the inspection/report. Please refer to section 1.0 of the report.**

### 2.0 TERMITE ACTIVITY

**No active subterranean termites (live specimens) were found.**

**No visible evidence of subterranean termite workings or damage was found.**

### 3.0 BORER ACTIVITY

**No visible evidence of borers of seasoned timbers was found.**

### 4.0 DECAY FUNGI

**Evidence of timber wood decay was found. Please refer to Section 4.0 of the Pest Report.**

For complete and accurate information, please refer to the attached 'Visual Timber Pest Report', which is prepared in accordance with AS 4349.3.

## CONDITIONS OF THIS INSPECTION

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### Important Information:

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

This is a **Visual Inspection Only**, prepared in accordance with AS 4349.3, 'Inspection of Buildings Part 3: Timber Pest Inspections'. Visual Inspection was limited to those areas and sections of the property to which reasonable access (see definition) was both available and permitted on the date of Inspection.

The Inspection **did not** include breaking apart, dismantling, removing, or moving objects including but not limited to – foliage, mouldings, roof insulation/sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, ceilings, floors, furnishings, appliances, or personal possessions.

The Inspector **cannot** see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, inside the eaves, behind stored goods in cupboards, or in any other areas that are concealed or obstructed.

The Inspector **did not** dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures. An invasive Inspection will not be performed unless a separate contract is entered into.

In an occupied property, it must be understood that furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of Timber Pests, which may only be revealed when the items are moved or removed.

In the case of strata type properties, only the interior of the unit is inspected.

### Scope of Report:

This Report only deals with the detection or non-detection of Timber Pest Attack and Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Attack discernible at the time of inspection. The inspection was limited to the Readily Accessible Areas of the Building and Site (see note below) and was based on a visual examination of surface work (excluding furniture and stored items), and the carrying out of Tests. Note. With strata and company title properties, the inspection was limited to the interior and the immediate exterior of the particular residence inspected. Common property was not inspected.

### Limitations:

The Client acknowledges:

**(a)** This Report does not include the inspection and assessment of matters outside the scope of the requested inspection and report.

**(b)** The inspection only covered the Readily Accessible Areas of the Building and Site. The inspection did not include areas which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed at the time of inspection. Obstructions are defined as any condition or physical limitation which inhibits or prevents inspection and may include – but are not limited to – roofing, fixed ceilings, wall linings, floor coverings, fixtures, fittings, furniture, clothes, stored articles/materials, thermal insulation, sarking, pipe/duct work, builder's debris, vegetation, pavements, or earth.

**(c)** The detection of dry wood termites may be extremely difficult due to the small size of the colonies. No warranty of absence of these termites is given.

**(d)** European House Borer (*Hylotrupes bajulus*) attack is difficult to detect in the early stages of infestation as the galleries of boring larvae rarely break through the affected timber surface. No warranty of absence of these borers is given. Regular inspections including the carrying out of appropriate tests are required to help monitor susceptible timbers.

**(e)** This is not a structural damage report. Neither is this a warranty as to the absence of Timber Pest Attack.

**(f)** If the inspection was limited to any particular type(s) of timber pest (e.g., subterranean termites), then this would be the subject of a Special-Purpose Inspection Report, which is adequately specified.

**(g)** This Report does not cover or deal with environmental risk assessment or biological risks not associated with Timber Pests (e.g., toxic Mould) or occupational, health or safety issues. Such advice may be the subject of a Special-Purpose Inspection Report which is adequately specified and must be undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector. The choice of such inspector is a matter for the Client.

**(h)** This Report has been produced for the use of the Client. The Consultant or their firm or company are not liable for any reliance placed on this report by any third party, except as provided in the section Limited Liability To a Purchaser within the Australian Capital Territory.

**Determining extent of Damage:**

This is not a structural building report, and any inexperienced opinion we provide on timber damage cannot be relied upon. This Report **will not** state the full extent of any Timber Pest damage. It will state Timber Pest Damage found as either 'slight', 'moderate', 'moderate to extensive', or 'extensive', and this information is not the opinion of an expert. If any evidence of Timber Pest activity and/or damage resulting from Timber Pest activity is reported, either in the structure(s) or the grounds of the property, then you must assume that there may be concealed structural damage within the building(s).

This concealed damage may only be found when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed to reveal previously concealed timbers. In this case, an Invasive Timber Pest Inspection (for which a separate contract is required) is strongly recommended, and you should arrange for a qualified professional such as a builder, engineer, or architect to carry out a structural inspection to determine the full extent of the damage, and the extent of repairs that may be required. You agree that neither we, nor the individual conducting the inspection, are responsible or liable for the repair of any damage, whether disclosed by the Report or not.

**Disclaimer of Liability:**

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

## 1.0 ACCESS LIMITATIONS

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### 1.1 Area(s) inspected:

Only structures, fences &/or trees within 50m of the building but within the property boundaries were inspected.

### 1.2 Common area(s) not inspected:

No Inspection was made, and no Report will be submitted, of inaccessible area(s).

These include, but may not be limited to; cavity walls, concealed frame timbers, eaves, flat roofs, fully enclosed patios, inaccessible parts of the subfloors, inaccessible parts of the roof void, soil concealed by concrete floors, fireplace hearths, wall linings, landscaping, rubbish, floor coverings, furniture, pictures, appliances, stored items, insulation, and hollow blocks/posts etc.

### 1.3 Area(s) in which visual inspection was obstructed or restricted and why:

**No inspection was made to sections of the garage built on the side boundary. Insulation on top of ceiling restricting visual inspection of the ceiling framing. The visual inspection of the subfloor framing was restricted in areas due to ductwork installed throughout the subfloor. The inspection of the garage/retreat was very restricted due to several stored goods being kept in the area at the time of inspection.**

**NB.** Please note that since a complete Inspection of the above area(s) was not possible, Timber Pest activity and/or damage may exist in these areas.

### 1.4 The property was unfurnished at the time of inspection.

Where a property is furnished at the time of Inspection, it must be understood that the furnishings and stored goods may be concealing evidence of Timber Pest activity. This evidence may be revealed when the property is vacated, and a further Inspection of the vacant property is strongly recommended if the house was furnished at the time of inspection.

### 1.5 Undetected timber pest risk assessment is considered Low/Moderate.

**NB.** Where the risk is considered “Moderate” or “Moderate-High” or “High”, a further inspection is strongly recommended of areas that were not readily accessible, and of inaccessible or obstructed areas once access has been provided or the obstruction removed. This may require the moving, lifting or removal of obstructions such as floor coverings, furniture, stored items foliage and insulation. In some instances, it may also require the removal of ceiling and wall linings, and the cutting of traps and access holes. Seek further advice from your Consultant.

## 2.0 TERMITE ACTIVITY

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**2.1 No active (live) termites were present at the time of Inspection.**

**2.2 No visible evidence of subterranean termite workings and/or damage was found.**

**2.3 A termite nest was not found.**

**2.4 No evidence of timber damage caused by Termite attack was visible at the time of the Inspection.**

NB. Where evidence of termite activity by the *Nasutitermes* or *Coptotermes* species was found in the grounds, the risk to buildings is very high. A treatment to eradicate the termites and to protect the building(s) should be carried out. Where the evidence of termite workings was found in the grounds or the building(s), then the risk of a further attack is very high.

### **2.5 Very important:**

If live termites or any evidence of termite workings or damage was reported above, within the building(s) or in the grounds and fences, then it must be assumed that there may be concealed termite activity and/or timber damage. This concealed activity or damage may only be found when alterations are carried out, such as when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed; or if you arrange for an invasive Inspection. We claim no expertise in structural engineering or building, and we strongly recommend that you have a qualified professional such as a builder, engineer, architect, or other qualified expert determine the full extent of the damage, if any. This may require an invasive Inspection. We take no responsibility for the repair of any damage, whether disclosed by this Report or not (see 'Terms and Limitations').

Where visual evidence of termite workings and/or damage is reported above, but no live termites were present at the time of Inspection, you must realise that it is possible that termites are still active in the immediate vicinity, and that the termites may continue to cause further damage. It is not possible, without further investigation and a number of Inspections over a period of time, to ascertain whether any infestation is active or inactive. Active termites may simply have not been present at the time of Inspection due to a prior disturbance or climatic conditions, or they may have been utilizing an alternative feeding source.

Continued, regular Inspections are essential. Unless written evidence of a termite protection program in accordance with 'AS 3660' with ongoing Inspections is provided, you must arrange for a treatment in accordance with 'AS 3660' to be carried out to reduce the risk of further attack.

**2.6 Previous termite treatment: There were no signs of a termite treatment or evidence of a possible previous termite treatment, at the time of inspection.**

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

**2.7 Termite management: A durable notice (termite management notice) was not found during the inspection, indicating a barrier system has not been installed.**

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

### **2.8 General remarks:**

Where any current visible evidence of Timber Pest activity is found, it is strongly recommended that a more invasive Inspection be performed. Trees on and near the property up to a height of 2 metres, have been visually Inspected where possible and practicable, for evidence of Termite activity. It is very difficult to locate termite nests since they are underground, and evidence in trees is usually well concealed. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you arrange to have the medium to large eucalypt trees within a 50 metre radius of the property test drilled for evidence of termite nests.



### 3.0 BORER ACTIVITY

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#### 3.1 No visible evidence of borers was found.

The **Lyctid Borer** - The most common lyctid borer in Australia is **Lyctus brunneus (powder post beetle)**. Attack usually takes place during the first six to twelve months of the service life of timber. However, the powder post beetle is not considered a significant pest of timber and treatment of infestation is not usually required. As only the sapwood of certain hardwoods is destroyed, larger-dimensional timbers (such as rafters, bearers, and joists) in a building are seldom weakened significantly to cause collapse. The **Anobiid Borer** There are many different species of Anobiid borer, the most frequently encountered being *Anobium punctatum* (furniture beetle) and *Calymnaderus incisus* (Queensland pine beetle). Attack mainly occurs to softwoods especially pine timbers such as floorboards that have been in service for at least ten years. Should any structural timbers be attacked by Anobiid borers it is often difficult to determine what extent the borer damage has weakened such timbers and replacement is often the only way of ensuring safety from collapse.

In the case of Anobiid borers, once an attack is initiated it is unlikely to cease or die out of its own accord without some sort of eradication treatment. Therefore, unless proof of treatment is provided, evidence of an attack must always be considered active. Although a chemical treatment is an option, replacement of infested timbers with non-susceptible, or treated timber, is the most effective method of treatment. Before any option is considered, competent advice (e.g., from a licensed building contractor) should be sought to determine the extent of any structural damage, and as to the need or otherwise for rectification or repair work.

**Other Borers:** A further (more invasive) investigation is strongly recommended to determine whether infestation is still active and to positively identify the borer species responsible for the attack. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

**Management Program:** Wherever practical, remove any conditions conducive to attack (e.g., *Anobium* borer thrive in badly ventilated subfloor areas). Regular inspections are recommended at intervals not exceeding 12 months. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

## 4.0 DECAY FUNGI

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### 4.1 Evidence of damage caused by wood decay (rot) fungi was found.

- Water staining/damage and some decay was noted in areas of the timber flooring underneath the bathroom, ensuite and laundry.
- Timber decay was found in several end sections of the garage timber fascia.
- Timber decay was found in the ensuite door jamb.
- Timber decay was found in the kitchenette in the retreat room.

**NB.** If any evidence of fungal decay or damage is reported, you should consult a building expert to determine the full extent of damage, and the estimated cost of repairs or timber.

General Description of Attack Decaying wood contains sufficient moisture to retain its original shape and may have sufficient strength to withstand normal loads. In contrast decayed wood is reduced both in moisture content and size as indicated by cracking either along or across the grain or fibres coming apart in a stringy manner. Decayed wood will have undergone considerable strength reduction.

Economic Significance Fungal decay can cause at one extreme, structural failure of the affected timber, and at the other purely superficial surface damage. The most critical determination is that of which timber is affected and decaying because decay will most likely spread (unless sources of moisture are quickly removed). Affected and decayed timber may warrant timber replacement, but the rot should not spread unless a new moisture source becomes available in that area.

Where evidence of decayed timber exists, competent advice (e.g., from a licensed or registered building contractor) should be sought to determine the extent of any structural damage, and as to the need or otherwise for rectification or repair work. It is important to correct any condition conducive to attack prior to replacing decayed wood.

Where evidence of decaying timber exists, competent advice (e.g., from a licensed or registered building contractor) should be sought to remove the condition(s) conducive to attack, and to determine the extent of any structural damage, and as to the need or otherwise for rectification or repair work.

Where the full extent of damage or the overall condition of the timber is undetermined a further inspection is strongly recommended by a competent person (e.g., from a licensed or registered building contractor). This may require monitoring of the timber over a period and include the assessment of conditions conducive to attack in different weather conditions (e.g., to determine the adequacy of existing drainage).

Management Program Remove any conditions conducive to attack (e.g., lack of ventilation or the presence of excessive moisture). Regular inspections are recommended at intervals not exceeding 12 months. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

## 5.0 CONDITIONS THAT ARE CONDUCTIVE TO TIMBER PESTS

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### 5.1 Water leaks: At the time of the inspection the showers in the main bathroom and ensuite were leaking.

Water leaks, especially in or into the subfloor, or against the external walls; increase the likelihood of termite attack. Leaking showers or leaks from other 'wet areas' also increase the likelihood of concealed termite attack. Hot water overflows should be plumbed away from the building.

**NB.** We claim no expertise in building, and if any leaks were reported, you should consult a plumber or other building expert to determine the full extent of damage, and the estimated cost of repairs.

### 5.2 Moisture/drainage: Areas of the subfloor soil were damp at the time of inspection.

Lack of Adequate Subfloor Ventilation Inadequate ventilation provides a condition suitable for timber pest infestation. For example, subterranean termites thrive in damp humid conditions typical of those provided in a poorly ventilated subfloor space. Where evidence of a lack of adequate ventilation has been identified in the report, the Client should seek competent advice (e.g., from a licensed or registered building contractor) regarding upgrading ventilation. The Presence of Excessive Moisture Ground levels around the building should be maintained in such a way to minimise water entering under the building. Also, the ground surface in subfloor areas should be kept graded to ensure that moisture does not pond or accumulate in any area. Where necessary, sub-surface drains should be installed and maintained to assist with drainage around and under the building. Likewise, the presence of excessive moisture can often be directly related to ventilation limitations and the resultant high humidity. Also, plumbing oversights and defects such as a leaking drain or tap will provide a microclimate conducive to timber pest attack. Where necessary, the Client should seek competent advice (e.g., from a licensed or registered plumbing contractor) to determine the adequacy of existing drainage and remove any conditions conducive to the presence of excessive moisture. The building may need to be monitored over a period of time to detect or confirm a damp problem. The presence of dampness (including moisture) is not always consistent as the prevailing and recent weather conditions at the time an inspection is carried out may affect the detection of damp problems. Importantly, precipitation at or near the time of inspection does not necessarily guarantee that a damp problem will automatically be evident due to such circumstances as prevailing wind conditions or intensity of rainfall. The absence of any dampness at the time of inspection does not necessarily mean the building will not experience some damp problems in other weather conditions. Likewise, whether services have been used for some time prior to an inspection being carried out will affect the detection of dampness.

### 5.3 Ventilation: Restricted, due to the ducting in the subfloor region minimising cross ventilation.

Lack of Adequate Subfloor Ventilation Inadequate ventilation provides a condition suitable for timber pest infestation. For example, subterranean termites thrive in damp humid conditions typical of those provided in a poorly ventilated subfloor space. Where evidence of a lack of adequate ventilation has been identified in the report, the Client should seek competent advice (e.g., from a licensed or registered building contractor) in regard to upgrading ventilation.

### 5.4 Hot water services and air conditioning units: There is no need for this work to be carried out.

Hot water services and air conditioning units which release water alongside or near to building walls should be piped to a drain (if not possible then several metres away from the building), as the resulting wet area is highly conducive to termites.

### 5.5 Slab edge exposure: The slab edge inspection zone does not apply to this property.

Where external concrete slab edges are not exposed, there is a high risk of concealed termite entry.

In some buildings built since July 1995, the edge of the slab forms part of the termite shield system. In these buildings an Inspection zone of at least 75mm should be maintained to permit detection of termite entry. The edge should not be concealed by render, tiles, cladding, flashings, adjoining structures, paving, soil, turf, or landscaping etc. Where this is the case, you should arrange to have the slab edge exposed for Inspection.

Concealed termite entry may already be taking place but could not be detected at the time of the Inspection. This may have resulted in concealed timber damage.

**NB.** A very high proportion of termite attacks are over the slab edge. Covering the slab edge makes concealed entry easy. This is particularly true of infill type slab construction. Termite activity and/or damage may be present in concealed timbers of the building. We strongly recommend frequent regular inspections in accordance with AS 3660.2.

**5.6 Weep holes in external walls: Weep holes are not applicable to this property.**

It is very important that soil, lawn, concrete paths, or pavers do not cover the weep holes. Sometimes, they have been covered during the rendering of the brick work. They should be clean and free flowing and covering the weep holes in part or in whole may allow undetected termite entry.

**5.7 Termite shields: Adequate.**

Termite Shields (Ant Caps) should be in good order and condition, so termite workings are exposed and visible. This helps prevent termites from gaining undetected entry. Joins in the shielding should have been soldered during the installation. If it is observed that the joins in the shielding have not been soldered, then the shielding must be reported as inadequate. It may be possible for a builder to repair the shielding. If not, a chemical treated zone may need to be installed to deter termites from gaining concealed access to the building. Missing, damaged or poor shields increase the risk of termite infestation. If considered inadequate, a builder or other building expert should be consulted.

Other physical shield systems are not visible to inspection and no comment is made on such systems.

**5.8 Bridging or breaching of termite barriers and inspection zones: No bridging or breaching was found.**

“Bridging” is the spanning of a termite barrier or inspection zone so that subterranean termites are provided with passage over or around that barrier. “Breaching” is the making of a hole or gap in a termite barrier so that termites are provided with a passage through that barrier.

**5.9 Other area(s) and/or situations that appear conducive to (may attract) subterranean termite infestation: Medium to large trees and stumps within a 50 metre radius of the property, due to the nesting conditions. Several timber off cuts on the ground in the subfloor, due to the ideal food source.**

## 6.0 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY

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**6.1** Where evidence of live termites, termite damage or termite workings (mudding) was found in the building(s) then the risk of a further attack is extremely high.

Where evidence of live termites, termite damage or termite workings was found in the grounds but not in the building(s) then the risk to buildings must be reported as high to extremely high.

**6.2** At the time of the Inspection, the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation to the overall property was considered to be **Moderate**.

**6.3 Subterranean Termite Treatment Recommendation:** A management program in accordance with AS 3660-2000 to protect against subterranean termites is considered **not essential, but 6 to 12 monthly inspections are essential**.

**6.4 Future Inspections:** AS 3660.0-2000 recommends “regular competent Inspections should be carried out at least on an annual basis, but more frequent Inspections are strongly recommended”.

It goes on to inform that “regular Inspections will not prevent termite attack but may help in the detection of termite activity. Early detection will allow remedial treatment to be commenced sooner, and damage to be minimized”.

Due to the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation noted above and all other findings of this Report; we strongly recommend that a full Inspection and written Report in accordance with AS 4349.3 or AS 3660.2-2000 is conducted at this property every 6 months, but no more than 12 months.

## DEFINITIONS

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**Timber Pest Attack:** Means Timber Pest Activity and/or Timber Pest Damage.

**Timber Pest Activity:** Means telltale signs associated with 'active' (live) and/or 'inactive' (absence of live) Timber Pests at the time of inspection.

**Timber Pest Damage:** Means noticeable impairments to the integrity of timber and other susceptible materials resulting from attack by Timber Pests.

**Major Safety Hazard:** Means any item that may constitute an immediate or imminent risk to life, health or property resulting directly from Timber Pest Attack. Occupational, health and safety or any other consequence of these hazards has not been assessed.

**Conditions Conducive to Timber Pest Attack:** Means noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the presence of Timber Pests.

**Readily Accessible Areas:** Means areas which can be easily and safely inspected without injury to person or property, are up to 3.6 metres above ground or floor levels, in roof spaces where the minimum area of accessibility is not less than 600 mm high by 600 mm wide and subfloor spaces where the minimum area of accessibility is not less than 400 mm high by 600 mm wide, providing the spaces or areas permit entry. The term 'readily accessible' also includes accessible subfloor areas on a sloping site where the minimum clearance is not less than 150 mm high, provided that the area is not more than 2 metres from a point with conforming clearance (i.e., 400 mm high by 600 mm wide); and areas at the eaves of accessible roof spaces that are within the consultant's unobstructed line of sight and within arm's length from a point with conforming clearance (i.e. 600 mm high by 600 mm wide).

**Client:** Means the person or persons for whom the Timber Pest Detection Report was carried out or their Principal (i.e., the person or persons for whom the report was being obtained).

**Timber Pest Detection Consultant:** Means a person who meets the minimum skills requirement set out in the current Australian Standard AS 4349.3 Inspections of Buildings. Part 3: Timber Pest Inspection Reports or state/territory legislation requirements beyond this Standard, where applicable.

**Building and Site:** Means the main building (or main buildings in the case of a building complex) and all timber structures (such as outbuildings, landscaping, retaining walls, fences, bridges, trees, and stumps with a diameter greater than 100 mm and timber embedded in soil) and the land within the property boundaries up to a distance of 50 metres from the main building(s).

**Timber Pests:** Means one or more of the following woods destroying agents which attack timber in service and affect its structural properties:

**Chemical Delignification:** The breakdown of timber through chemical action.

**Fungal Decay:** The microbiological degradation of timber caused by soft rot fungi and decay fungi, but does not include Mould, which is a type of fungus that does not structurally damage wood.

**Wood Borers:** Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Coleoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.

**Termites:** Wood destroying insects belonging to the order 'Isoptera' which commonly attack seasoned timber.

**Tests:** Means additional attention to the visual examination was given to those accessible areas which the consultant's experience has shown to be particularly susceptible to attack by Timber Pests. Instrument testing of those areas and other visible accessible timbers/materials/areas showing evidence of attack was performed.

**Instrument Testing:** Means where appropriate the carrying out of Tests using the following techniques and instruments:

- (a) Electronic moisture detecting meter - an instrument used for assessing the moisture content of building elements.
- (b) Stethoscope - an instrument used to hear sounds made by termites within building elements.
- (c) Probing - a technique where timber and other materials/areas are penetrated with a sharp instrument (e.g., bradawl or pocket knife), but does not include probing of decorative timbers or finishes, or the drilling of timber and trees; and
- (d) Sounding - a technique where timber is tapped with a solid object.

## IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE ADVICE REGARDING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FOR PROTECTING AGAINST TIMBER PESTS

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You should read and understand the following important information. It will help explain what is involved in a Timber Pest Inspection, the difficulties faced by a Timber Pest Inspector, and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is free of Timber Pests. It also details important information about what you can do to help protect your property from Timber Pests. This information forms an integral part of the Report. Any structure can be attacked by Timber Pests. Periodic maintenance should include measures to minimise possibilities of infestation in and around a property. Factors which may lead to infestation from Timber Pests include situations where the edge of the concrete slab is covered by soil or garden debris, filled areas, areas with less than 400mm clearance, foam insulation at foundations, earth/wood contact, damp areas, leaking pipes, etc.; form-work timbers, scrap timber, tree stumps, mulch, tree branches touching the structure, wood rot, etc. Gardens, pathways, or turf abutting or concealing the edge of a concrete slab will allow for concealed entry by timber pests any timber in contact with soil such as form-work, scrap timbers or stumps must be removed from under and around the buildings and any leaks repaired. You should endeavor to ensure such conditions DO NOT occur around your property. We further advise that you engage a professional pest control firm to provide a termite management program in accord with AS 3660 to minimise the risk of termite attack. There is no way of preventing termite attack. Even AS 3660 advises that "the provision of a complete termite barrier will impede and discourage termite entry into a building. It cannot prevent termite attack. Termites can still bridge or breach barriers, but they can be detected more readily during routine inspections."

### **Reasonable access:**

Unless specified in writing, the inspection only covered the Readily Accessible Areas of the Building and Site.

The inspection did not include areas which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed at the time of inspection. Areas which are not normally accessible were not inspected and include - but not limited to – inside walls, the interior of a flat roof or beneath a suspended floor filled with earth.

Building Interior, the Consultant did not move or remove any ceilings, wall coverings, flooring, floor coverings (including carpeting), furnishing, equipment, appliances, pictures, or other household goods. In an occupied property, furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of timber pest attack which may only be revealed when the items are moved or removed.

Building Exterior, Roof Exterior and Site, the Consultant did not move or remove any obstructions such as wall cladding, awnings, trellis, earth, plants, bushes, foliage, stored materials, debris, or rubbish. Due to the 'secretive' nature of timber pests, it is possible that hidden damage may exist in concealed areas, e.g., wall framing. Damage may only be found when the obstruction is removed. In the case of buildings constructed on concrete slabs, if the edge of the slab or any weep hole or vent at the base of external walls is concealed by pavements, gardens, lawns, or landscaping then it is possible for termites to gain undetected entry into the building. The building of gardens or planting of shrubs close to the perimeter of the building can promote and conceal termite entry points. The storage of cellulose materials such as building materials and firewood near the ground or building may encourage termite activity.

Roof Space Obstructions such as roofing, stored articles, thermal insulation, sarking, and pipe/duct work may be concealing evidence of timber pest attack which may only be revealed when the obstructions are moved or removed. Also, bodily access should be provided to the interior of all accessible roof spaces. In accordance with Australian Standard ASS 4349 the minimum requirement is a 400mm by 500 mm access manhole.

Subfloor Space Subfloor areas should be kept free from all vegetation (including tree stumps) and other cellulose material which may encourage timber pest activity. Also, storage of materials in subfloor areas is not recommended as it reduces ventilation and makes inspection difficult. Obstructions may be concealing evidence of timber pest attack which may only be revealed when the obstructions are moved or removed. Bodily access should be provided to all accessible subfloor areas with the minimum requirement being a 500 mm x 400 mm access manhole. In the case of suspended floors, if the clearance between the ground and structural components is less than 400 mm, then the ground should be excavated to provide the required clearance, subject to maintaining adequate drainage and support to footings. If the subfloor has been sprayed for subterranean termites or if the area is susceptible to mould growth, appropriate health precautions must be followed before entering the area. Also, special care should be taken not to disturb the treated soil. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

A further inspection is strongly recommended of those areas that were not readily accessible and of inaccessible or obstructed areas once access has been provided or the obstruction removed. This will involve a separate visit to the site, permission from the owner of the property and additional cost.

Unless stated otherwise, any recommendation or advice given in this Report should be implemented as a matter of urgency.

**A more invasive physical inspection is available and recommended:**

As detailed above, there are many limitations to this visual inspection only. With the permission of the owner of the premises we WILL perform a more invasive physical inspection that involves moving or lifting insulation, stored items, furniture, or foliage during the inspection. We WILL physically touch, tap, test and when necessary, force/gouge suspected accessible timbers. We WILL gain access to areas, where physically possible and considered practical and necessary, by way of cutting traps and access holes.

This style of Report is available by ordering with several days' notice. Inspection time for this style of Report will be greater than for a VISUAL INSPECTION.

It involves disruption in the case of an occupied property, and some permanent marking is likely. You must arrange for the written permission of the owner who must acknowledge all the above information and confirm that our firm will not be held liable for any damage caused to the property.

A price is available on request.

**Concrete slab homes:**

Homes constructed on concrete slabs pose special problems with respect to termite attack. If the edge of the slab is concealed by concrete paths, patios, pavers, garden beds, lawns, foliage, etc. then it is possible for termites to affect concealed entry into the property, and they can then cause extensive damage to concealed framing timbers. Even the most experienced Inspector may be unable to detect their presence due to concealment by wall linings. Only when the termites attack timbers in the roof void, which may in turn be concealed by insulation, can their presence be detected. Where termite damage is in the roof, it should be expected that concealed framing timbers will be extensively damaged. With a concrete slab home, it is imperative that you expose the edge of the slab and ensure that foliage and garden beds do not cover the slab edge. Weep holes must be kept free of obstructions. It is strongly recommended that you have a Termite Inspection in accordance with AS 3660.2 carried out every 6 to 12 months.

**Subterranean termites:**

No property is safe from termites. General Description of Attack Timber hollowed beneath; some cracking at the surface of timber; earthen channels present; or pale faecal spots present.

**Important note:**

As a delay may exist between the time of an attack and the appearance of telltale signs associated with the attack, it is possible that termite activity and damage exists though not discernible at the time of inspection.

Treatment After discovery of an active infestation, it is imperative that the species of termite is accurately identified before costly (and sometimes unnecessary or inappropriate) methods of treatment are initiated. Only economically important species which are known to attack timber structures should be treated.

In the case of economically important species, it is important that the termite workings are not further disturbed until the proposed method of control has been determined by a licensed pest control operator. Premature attempts to repair or replace infested timber may cause the termites to withdraw from the area temporarily, thereby hindering effective treatment. Any repair or replacement of infested timber should be carried out after the appropriate treatment has been completed.

Where evidence of active termites is detected within a building or within 50 metres of any building, it must always be assumed that the termites may also be active in areas of the property not inspected. Accordingly, where the termites are known to be of economic significance, a further (more invasive) inspection is strongly recommended of areas which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed at the time of inspection.

Termite Workings and Damage Where evidence of damage to building timbers exists, competent advice (e.g. from a licensed or registered building contractor) should be obtained to determine the extent of any structural damage and as to the need or otherwise for rectification or repair work.

Where evidence of inactive termites is located within the building, it is possible that termites are still active in areas of the property not inspected and they may continue to cause damage. A furthermore invasive inspection is strongly recommended of areas which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed at the time of inspection.

Where evidence of an inactive termite infestation exists, it is not possible, without benefit of further investigation and inspections over a period, to ascertain whether any infestation is active or inactive. Continued, regular, inspections are essential.



Where evidence of termite attack exists to any trees or tree stumps a more conclusive search should be undertaken. This may require the tree or stump to be drilled to determine the existence of a termite nest. In addition, the soundness and stability of any standing trees identified as being affected by termite attack should be confirmed. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

**Previous Treatments** Where evidence of a possible termite treatment was located, the Client should obtain and keep on file all relevant documents pertaining to the extent of the treatment, any service warranties and advice in regard to the building owner's obligation to maintain the treatment and/or barrier. If evidence of a previous treatment of termite infestation is noted, and appropriate documentation is not available, the Client must assume that the termite infestation may still be active in areas of the property not inspected. Accordingly, a re-treatment may be required. Always seek further advice from the Consultant.

**Frequency of Future Inspections** Australian Standard AS 3660 recognises that regular inspections will not prevent termite attack but may help in the detection of termite activity. Early detection will allow remedial treatment to be commenced sooner and damage to be minimised.

Inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve (12) months are recommended. Where the termite risk is high or the building type susceptible to termite attack, more frequent inspections (3-6 months) should be undertaken.

**Risk management options:**

To help protect against financial loss, it is essential that the building owner immediately control or rectify any evidence of destructive timber pest activity or damage identified in this inspection report. The Client should further investigate any high-risk area where access was not gained. It is strongly advised that appropriate steps be taken to remove, rectify or monitor any evidence of conditions conducive to timber pest attack.

To help minimise the risk of any future loss, the Client should consider whether the following options to further protect their investment against timber pest infestation are appropriate for their circumstances:

Undertake thorough regular inspections at intervals not exceeding twelve months or more frequent inspections where the risk of timber pest attack is high, or the building type is susceptible to attack. To further reduce the risk of subterranean termite attacks, implement a management program in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3660. This may include the installation of a monitoring and/or baiting system, or chemical and/or physical barrier. However, AS 3660 stresses that subterranean termites can bridge, or breach barrier systems and inspection zones and that thorough regular inspection of the building are necessary.

**CONTACT THE INSPECTOR**

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Please feel free to contact the Inspector who carried out this inspection. Often it is very difficult to fully explain situations, problems, access difficulties or timber pest activity and/or damage in a manner that is readily understandable by the reader. Should you have any difficulty in understanding anything contained within this Report, then you should immediately contact the Inspector and have the matter explained to you.

If you have any questions at all or require any clarification, then contact the Inspector prior to acting on this Report.

## NOTICE TO THE PURCHASER

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**(a)** Prior to or on Exchange, and prior to the commencement of the 'Cooling-off Period', you were given an Inspection Report on the Property you intend on purchasing ("the Report"). The Purchaser is advised that this Report reflects the condition of the property existing at the time of the Inspection (Inspection Date) and may not reflect the current state. Timber Pests, particularly Termites, may have gained entry to the property since the Inspection Date. Termites can, in a relatively short period, cause significant damage to both structural and non-structural timbers within and around the buildings of the Property.

Termites (white ants) may be difficult to detect and much of the damage caused may not be readily visible. If damage exists, then it may cost thousands of dollars to repair.

It is, therefore, very strongly recommended that you urgently arrange for another Inspection and Report in accordance with AS4349.3 to be carried out prior to exchange, or prior to the expiration of any 'Cooling off Period', and prior to settlement.

**(b)** If the Report indicated the presence of Termites, termite damage or recommends any treatments or other Inspections and Reports, you should obtain copies of the treatment proposal, any certificates of treatments carried out, details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices, and any other Reports.

It is strongly recommended that you arrange for an Inspection and Report in accordance with AS 4349.3 to verify that the treatment has been successful and carried out in accordance with AS 3660.2 and a further building Inspection in accordance with AS 4349.1.

**(c)** If you fail to procure a further Inspection and report as recommended in (a) and (b), or fail to obtain copies of the treatment proposal, certificates of treatment carried out, details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices and any other reports as recommended in (b) above, then it will be deemed that you have decided not to have a further Inspection and report carried out, or to obtain copies of certificates of treatments carried out, details of all repairs including copies of quotations, invoices and any other reports.

It will be deemed that you have relied upon your own enquiries and the report, knowing the possible consequences and that the condition of the property, as stated in the report, may have changed.

**(d)** The person carrying out the Inspection and the company, partnership or sole trader that employs that person will have no liability to you for any damage or loss you may suffer as a result of your entering the contract to purchase the property or in connection with completing the purchase of the property as a result of your failure to heed the advice given in (a) and (b) and the warning contained in (c) above, and may use such failure in defense of any claim that you may later make against any of them.

# Insurance Certificates & Tax Invoice



## Pest Controllers Combined Liability Certificate of Currency

The Policy below is current until 4.00pm on the expiry date shown below

**INSURED:** ACT Property Inspections Pty Ltd

**BUSINESS DESCRIPTION:** General Pest & Weed Control  
Timber Pest Inspections  
Termite Barrier Installations  
Pre-Purchase House Pest Inspections  
Building Inspections (Non-Pest Related)  
Energy Efficiency Ratings  
Compliance Reports

**POLICY REFERENCE:** 09A349653PLB

**PERIOD OF INSURANCE:** From: 4.00pm on 30/03/2024  
To: 4.00pm on 30/03/2025

**POLICY CLASS:** Pest Controllers Combined Liability

**SUMS INSURED:** **Section 1: General Public & Products Liability**

**\$20,000,000** Our maximum liability in respect of any claim or series of claims for Personal Injury, Property Damage or Advertising Liability caused by or arising out of any one occurrence; and

**\$20,000,000** Our total aggregate liability during any one period of insurance for all claims arising out of Your Product

**Section 2: Professional Indemnity**

**\$5,000,000** Our maximum liability in respect of any Claim or any series of Claims inclusive of costs and expenses.

**\$10,000,000** Our total aggregate liability for all Claims inclusive of costs and expenses.

This Certificate of Currency is subject to the Policy Documentation to be read in conjunction with the Definitions, Conditions and Exclusions in the Pest Controllers Combined Liability Insurance Policy.

Date Issued: 22 March 2024



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# TAX INVOICE

Chenggan Yuan and Dandan Heng  
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**Invoice Date**  
25 Feb 2025

**Invoice Number**  
INV-61313

ACT Property Inspections  
(02) 6232 4540  
Unit 1, 33 Altree Ct  
PHILLIP ACT 2606  
ABN: 33 600 397 466

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount AUD
Building and Pest Report	1.00	727.27	10%	727.27
Deferred Payment (Complimentary)	1.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal				727.27
TOTAL GST 10%				72.73
<b>TOTAL AUD</b>				<b>800.00</b>

## Due Date: 26 Aug 2025

Payment terms – Deferred payment account. This account should be paid in full within 14 days on the earlier of:

- (a) Settlement of the property
- (b) If the Property has not been listed for sale within 3 months of the Property Inspection Date
- (c) If the property is no longer listed for sale
- (d) 180 days after the Property Inspection Date

Please pay within the payment terms to avoid the Deferred Payment Fee. Note: all bank/legal fees incurred in obtaining payment will be the customer's responsibility

### Payment Options

Pexa : please quote the invoice number as the reference

Direct Deposit : BSB: 012084 Account Number: 194679655  
Account Name: ACT Property Inspections Pty Ltd  
Please reference your name and invoice number

Cheques : please make payable to ACT Property Inspections Pty Ltd

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