



# Building & Electrical (Apartment) Report

Inspection Date: 25 Feb 2020

Property Address: St Kilda Area



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

# Definitions to help you better understand this report

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“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 and 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 stormwater run-off within 30 m of the building, but within the property boundaries.

“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.

“Structural Damage” A significant impairment to the integrity of the whole or part of the Structure falling into one or more of the following categories:

(a) Structural Cracking and Movement – major (full depth) cracking forming in Primary Elements resulting from differential movement between or within the elements of construction, such as foundations, footings, floors, walls and roofs.

(b) Deformation – an abnormal change of shape of Primary Elements resulting from the application of load(s).

(c) Dampness – the presence of moisture within the building, which is causing consequential damage to Primary Elements.

(d) Structural Timber Pest Damage – structural failure, i.e. an obvious weak spot, deformation or even collapse of timber Primary Elements resulting from attack by one or more of the following wood destroying agents: chemical delignification; fungal decay; wood borers; and termites.

“Conditions Conducive to Structural Damage” Noticeable building deficiencies or environmental factors that may contribute to the occurrence of Structural Damage.

“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.

“Serious 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:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.”

## Terms on which this report was prepared

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**SERVICE** As requested by the Client, the inspection carried out by the Building Consultant (“the Consultant”) was a ‘Standard Property Report’.

**PURPOSE OF INSPECTION** The purpose of this inspection is to provide advice to the Client regarding the condition of the Building and Site at the time of inspection.

**SCOPE OF INSPECTION** This Report only covers and deals with any evidence of: Major Defects in the condition of Primary Elements including Structural Damage and Conditions Conducive to Structural Damage; any Major Defect in the condition of Secondary Elements and Finishing Elements; collective (but not individual) Minor Defects; and any Serious Safety Hazard discernible at the time of inspection. The inspection is limited to the Readily Accessible Areas of the Building and Site (see Note below) and is 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.

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

Unless noted in “Special Conditions or Instructions”, the Report assumes that the existing use of the building will continue.

This Report only records the observations and conclusions of the Consultant about the readily observable state of the property at the time of inspection. The Report therefore cannot deal with:

- (a) possible concealment of defects, including but not limited to, defects concealed by lack of accessibility, obstructions such as furniture, wall linings and floor coverings, or by applied finishes such as render and paint; and
- (b) undetectable or latent defects, including but not limited to, defects that may not be apparent at the time of inspection due to seasonal changes, recent or prevailing weather conditions, and whether or not services have been used some time prior to the inspection being carried out.

These matters outlined above in (a) & (b) are excluded from consideration in this Report.

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.

#### LIMITATIONS

The Client acknowledges:

1. 'Visual only' inspections are not recommended. A visual only inspection may be of limited use to the Client. In addition to a visual inspection, to thoroughly inspect the Readily Accessible Areas of the property requires the Consultant to carry out when ever necessary appropriate Tests.
2. This Report does not include the inspection and assessment of items or matters outside the scope of the requested inspection and report. Other items or matters may be the subject of a Special-Purpose Inspection Report, which is adequately specified (see Exclusions below).
3. This Report does not include the inspection and assessment of items or matters that do not fall within the Consultant's direct expertise.
4. The inspection only covered the Readily Accessible Areas of the property. 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.
5. Australian Standard AS4349.0-2007 Inspection of Buildings, Part 0: General Requirements recognises that a property report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the building in the future.
6. This Report was produced for the use of the Client. The Consultant is not liable for any reliance placed on this report by any third party.

#### EXCLUSIONS

The Client acknowledges that this Report does not cover or deal with:

- (i) any individual Minor Defect;
- (ii) solving or providing costs for any rectification or repair work;
- (iii) the structural design or adequacy of any element of construction;
- (iv) detection of wood destroying insects such as termites and wood borers;
- the operation of fireplaces and chimneys;
- (vi) any services including building, engineering (electronic), fire and smoke detection or mechanical;
- (vii) lighting or energy efficiency;
- (viii) any swimming pools and associated pool equipment or spa baths and spa equipment or the like;
- (ix) any appliances such as dishwashers, insinkerator, ovens, stoves and ducted vacuum systems;
- (x) a review of occupational, health or safety issues such as asbestos content, the provision of safety glass or the use of lead based paints;
- (xi) a review of environmental or health or biological risks such as toxic mould;

- (xii) whether the building complies with the provisions of any building Act, code, regulation(s) or by-laws;
- (xiii) whether the ground on which the building rests has been filled, is liable to subside, swell or shrink, is subject to landslip or tidal inundation, or if it is flood prone; and
- (xiv) in the case of strata and company title properties, the inspection of common property areas or strata/company records.

Any of the above matters may be the subject of a special-purpose inspection report, which is adequately specified and undertaken by an appropriately qualified inspector.

# Special conditions or instructions

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As we perform a VISUAL ELECTRICAL DEFECT STATEMENT INSPECTION.

It is highly recommended that an invasive electrical inspection take place by a qualified electrician as our inspection is Visual ONLY.

Upon any Electrical Installation or repairs a certificate of Electrical safety for prescribed or non-prescribed electrical installation work must be given to the owner of the building.  
(Electricity safety act 1998, Electricity safety (Installations) Regulations 2009)

## The parties

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Pre inspection agreement supplied: No

Name of Client:

Principal Name:

Property Address: St Kilda Area

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## Section A - Results of inspection - summary

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This Summary is not the Report. The following Report MUST be read in full in conjunction with this summary. If there is a discrepancy between the information provided in this Summary and that contained within the body of the Report, the information in the body of the Report shall override this Summary.

Evidence of Safety Hazards

**Found**

Evidence of Major Defects

**Not Found**

Evidence of Minor Defects

**Found**

Due to the level of accessibility for inspection including the presence of obstructions, the overall degree of risk of undetected structural damage and conditions conducive to structural damage was considered:

### **MODERATE**

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.

For further information including advice on the implementation of a preventative maintenance program see Section F 'Important Note'.

## Additional specialist inspections

- As identified in the summary and the defect statements in this report.

## Section B - General

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The records of the appropriate local authority should be checked to determine or confirm:

- whether the ground on which the building rests has been filled, is liable to subside, is subject to landslip or tidal inundation, or if it is flood prone;
- the status of the property and services (e.g. compliance of the building with the provisions of any building Act, code, regulation or by-laws); and
- whether council has issued a building certificate or other notice for the dwelling.

Where appropriate, legal advice (e.g. from a solicitor) should be sought to explain title and ownership matters and to deal with matters concerning easements, covenants, restrictions, zoning certificates and all other law-related matters.

### General description of the property

Building Type:	Unit
Number of Storeys:	Single storey
Smoke detectors:	3 fitted, but not tested IMPORTANT NOTE - The adequacy and testing of smoke detectors is outside the scope of this standard inspection and report. Accordingly, it is strongly recommended that a further inspection be undertaken by a suitably qualified person.
Siting of the building:	Not Applicable
Gradient:	Not Applicable
Site drainage:	Not Applicable
Access:	Easy pedestrian and vehicular access
Main utility services:	Not Applicable
Occupancy status:	Occupied

Furnished:	Fully furnished
Strata or company title properties:	No
Orientation of the property:	The facade of the building faces north Note. For the purpose of this report the façade of the building contains the main entrance door.
Weather conditions:	Dry

## Primary method of construction

Main building – floor construction:	Slab on ground, Suspended Concrete
Main building – wall construction:	Finished with render, Internal gypsum plasterboard, Concrete Panels
Main building – roof construction:	Not Applicable
Other timber building elements:	NOT APPLICABLE
Other building elements:	Decking, Balcony
Overall standard of construction:	Acceptable
Overall quality of workmanship and materials:	Acceptable
Level of maintenance:	Poorly Maintained Internally

## Incomplete construction

The following evidence was noted:

Not Applicable

The term 'incomplete construction' means where the original construction and any alterations or additions to the building are not complete in the work synonymous with construction (but does not include building services).

Note - This is only a general observation/comment except where any part of the building structure is, or is likely to be, at risk due to this condition.

## Accommodation and significant ancillaries

STOREY	LIVING ROOMS	BEDROOMS	BATHROOM / ENSUITE	SEPARATE TOILET	KITCHEN	LAUNDRY	POOL*	OTHER	NAME OF OTHER
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

\* A ground floor swimming pool denotes an internal swimming pool / A detached swimming pool denotes an external swimming pool

# Section C - Accessibility

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## Areas Inspected

The inspection covered the Readily Accessible Areas of the property.

- Building interior
- Building exterior

## Areas not inspected

The inspection did not include areas, which were inaccessible, not readily accessible or obstructed at the time of inspection. The Consultant did not move or remove any obstructions which may be concealing evidence of defects. Areas, which are not normally accessible, were not inspected. Evidence of defects in obstructed or concealed areas may only be revealed when the items are moved or removed or access has been provided.

## Obstructions and Limitations

The following obstructions may conceal defects:

- Floor coverings
- Furniture
- Stored articles
- Stored articles in wardrobes
- Ceilings
- Built-in cupboards
- Clothing and personal effects
- Decking
- Appliances and equipment
- Wardrobes, as general clothing, boxing or similar, obscured inspection to these areas
- Cupboard areas, such as sink areas, bathroom cupboards and similar

Obstructions increase the risk of undetected defects, please see the overall risk rating for undetected defects.

## Inaccessible Areas

The following areas were inaccessible:

- Ceiling cavity

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

## Undetected defect

Due to the level of accessibility for inspection including the presence of obstructions, the overall degree of risk of undetected structural damage and conditions conducive to structural damage was considered:

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# Section D - Condition report

The following items and matters were reported on in accordance with the Scope of Inspection. For building elements not identified in this Condition Report, monitoring and normal maintenance must be carried out.

## Safety Hazard

### 1.01

Location: Outside Bedroom 1

Finding: No Smoke Detectors - Installation Required.  
Reporting on Smoke Detectors or Alarms, including hard wired smoke detection systems and their legislative requirements, is outside the Scope of this Report.

Please note that this defect is highlighted as a caution only. We suspect, based on our experience in the building industry, that the absence of smoke detectors should be addressed as a matter of urgency to improve occupant safety. Locations with the red arrows indicates the locations that we suggest smoke detectors should be installed, which is outside bedroom doors and at the bottom and top of stair cases.

Further Inspection and/or advisory services is necessary to provide advice on the sufficiency, type and location of smoke detectors, and to test the functionality of all devices. Greater requirements for fire safety and detection exist for commercial buildings.

Always ensure sufficient working and suitable smoke detectors are installed prior to occupying any building. Additionally, it is advised that all smoke detectors be tested by the homeowner on a monthly basis.

Please refer to AS3786 and state based legislation, which may also apply.

A qualified electrician is required do these works for hard wiring.

Upon completion a safety certificate is required to be supplied to the owner of the building.



## 1.02

Location: The Site

Finding: Smoke Detector Damaged

At the time of the inspection the smoke detector was partially missing and not operative, I highly recommend this gets replaced by a qualified electrician as a matter of urgency for safety.

This inspection DOES NOT test operation of smoke detectors .

Upon moving into a new property, it is highly recommended that the batteries to the smoke detectors all get replaced instantly.

Smoke detector batteries should be replaced every 12 months at a minimum.

It is highly recommended that replacement dates of the batteries be kept in a log book.

Also

Testing of smoke detectors is required monthly.



### 1.03

Location: En-suite Bed 1

Finding: Mould - Present

Where evidence of mould growth was noted, there may be environmental, biological or health issues associated with the report. A specialist inspection by a suitably qualified environmental health inspector may be warranted where mould is extensive or where any queries regarding air quality spores or other related issues apply.

Generally, the client is advised to ensure that the general environment is free of moisture and humidity to aid in the prevention of mould formation and development. Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately and/or taken out, particularly where the mould is in the silicon / caulking.

Where mould is particularly serious cleaning or remediation works should be performed by a cleaning contractor.

It is important to determine the cause of mould not just to get rid of mould.

Please note that severely affected building elements may require replacement by a registered builder or qualified carpenter, however generally where mould is found in bathrooms benches, shower tile junctions, laundry sinks and all other wet area junctions you can get rid of the mould, once you take out the old caulking in most cases.

Heavy mould on walls, ceilings and under homes, generally will require professionals in this field, like hazardous material company's.

Finally the cause or source of the mould **MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF URGENTLY.**

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ALL AREAS should be checked carefully for this defect and attached are a few PHOTO EXAMPLES as a GUIDE.  
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### 1.04

Location: En-suite Bedroom 2

Finding: Mould - Present

Where evidence of mould growth was noted, there may be environmental, biological or health issues associated with the report. A specialist inspection by a suitably qualified environmental health inspector may be warranted where mould is extensive or where any queries regarding air quality spores or other related issues apply.

Generally, the client is advised to ensure that the general environment is free of moisture and humidity to aid in the prevention of mould formation and development. Any mould found during the inspection should be cleaned immediately and/or taken out, particularly where the mould is in the silicon / caulking.

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## Major Defect - Inside

### **CEILINGS**

No evidence was found.

### **INTERNAL WALLS**

No evidence was found.

### **FLOORS**

No evidence was found.

### **INTERNAL JOINERY (e.g. doors, staircase, windows and all other woodwork, etc)**

No evidence was found.

### **BUILT-IN FITTINGS (built in kitchen and other fittings, not including the appliances)**

No evidence was found.

### **BATHROOM FITTINGS**

No evidence was found.

## **OTHER INSIDE DETAIL (e.g. fireplaces, chimney breasts and the outside of flues)**

No evidence was found.

## **ROOF SPACE**

No evidence was found.

## **SUBFLOOR SPACE**

No evidence was found.

# Major Defect – Outside

## **EXTERNAL WALLS**

No evidence was found.

## **WINDOWS**

No evidence was found.

## **EXTERNAL DOORS (including patio doors)**

No evidence was found.

## **PLATFORMS (including verandahs, patios, decks and the like)**

No evidence was found.

## **OTHER EXTERNAL PRIMARY ELEMENTS**

No evidence was found.

## **OTHER EXTERNAL SECONDARY & FINISHING ELEMENTS**

No evidence was found.

## **ROOF EXTERIOR (including roof covering, penetrations, flashings)**

No evidence was found.

## **RAINWATER GOODS**

No evidence was found.

## **THE GROUNDS**

No evidence was found.

## **WALLS AND FENCES**

No evidence was found.

## **OUTBUILDINGS**

No evidence was found.

## Minor Defect

### 3.05

Location: All Areas - Various

Finding: Building Materials & Hardware That Is Worn / Aged and/or Damaged .  
Building Materials & Hardware That Is Worn / Aged and/or Damaged .

This defect stated in this report is not a requirement under the Australian standards for a pre-purchase building inspection, however Master Property Inspections is proud to identify these items for your extended knowledge of the property, but these type of minor items is again not part of a standard building inspection under the Australian Guidelines.

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Photos of the Building Materials, are in the photos attached.

This may have been caused by water damage, moisture and/or general wear and tear. Replacement or repair ( which ever is appropriate and cost effective ) is up to you of the items attached.

Pre-Purchase Inspections DO NOT require us to note in the reports Worn / Aged and/or Damaged materials and repairs are generally at the owners discretion.

Items like worn and damaged kitchens, door handles, damaged floor tiles, painting, etc, again is at the owners discretion.

Items like cracked glass mirrors, cracked glass windows and windows not operation smoothly are defects that should be repaired by the appropriate trades.

It is IMPERATIVE that you engage registered and qualified trades and at the end of there works they must supply certificates, such as an electrical safety certificate, plumbing and gas certificate if the works are electrical or plumbing, but for items such as damaged door handles, painting an experienced carpenter or handyman can sometimes be engaged.





### 3.06

Location: Paint Internal Areas

Finding: Paint & Plaster Defects To Doors, Architraves, Walls & Ceilings, ETC.

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Superficial scuff marks, damaged plaster, holes in walls,missing paint,sub-standard paint work were noted to the internal walls / ceilings and/or architraves as per the photos attached at the time of inspection.

While these minor defects are detracting from the overall appearance of the affected building element, they do not indicate any operational or structural damage. This degree of surface damage is consistent with general damage, accidents, movement and wear and tear.

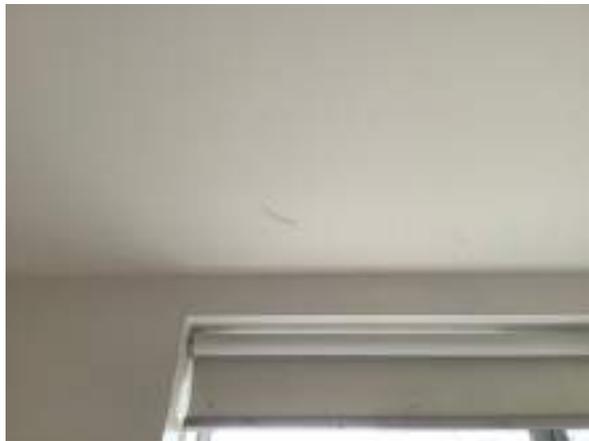
These type of minor defects are appearance cosmetics but they can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time.

Incomplete areas of paint finish, holes in plaster, exposes the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of underlying building materials especially in wet areas such as laundrys and bathrooms.

Superficial scuff marks, damaged plaster, holes in walls,missing paint,sub-standard paint work should be sanded back, filled, levelled and painted, as applicable. Where inadequate or missing protection has led to the deterioration of the associated building element, repair and/or replacement of this building element may be required.

A painting contractor,builder, plasterer and/or suitable handy person may be appointed to perform necessary works to aid the appearance of the affected area and to ensure the area is protected against further deterioration.

Wet areas are the main areas that MUST have SUFFICIENT paint coverage to the walls, ceilings and timber work as moisture can deteriorate the areas.



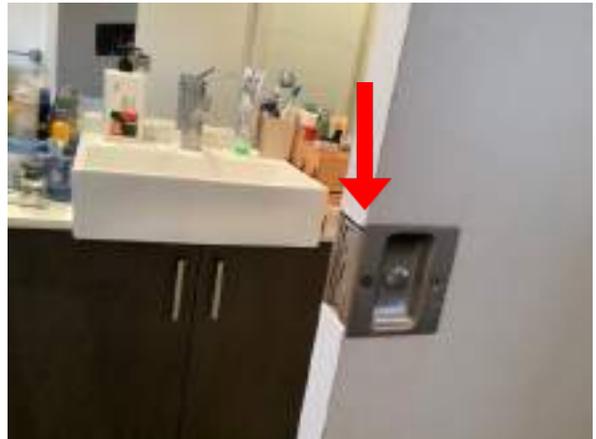
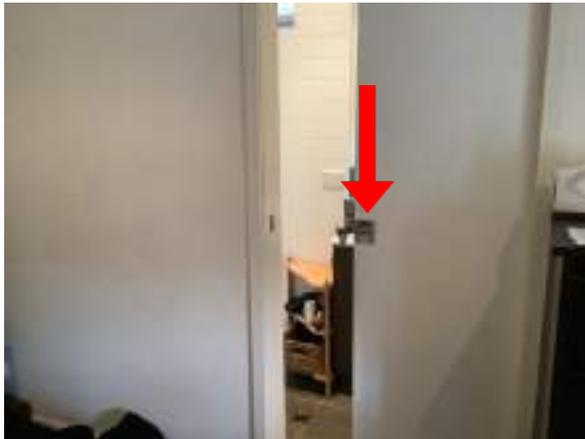
### 3.07

Location: En-suite Bed 1  
Finding: Door lock - Loose

The handle / lock to the door is loose at the time of the inspection.  
Absence of the handle / locks limits the operation of the window or doors.

Replacement of the handle /locks should be conducted as soon as possible. A general handy person, window manufacturer and/or service technician should be appointed to perform these works to improve the operational state of the affected window and improve the safety of the internal area.

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### 3.08

Location: En-suite Bed 1

Finding: Silicon / Caulking To All Wet Area Junctions and Tile Grouting - Missing or Damaged.  
It was noted on inspection that sealant and/or tile grout is missing, damaged or inadequate to the tiled wet areas. This may include floor edges, kitchen benches/splashbacks, vanities, bath tub edges, shower areas to the floor and wall tiles, laundry's and all other areas subjected to water or moisture.

Sealant and/or tile grout where missing, damaged or inadequate to the tiled wet areas allows the water to penetrate into the walls and floors which can cause much damage, to the affect were the damage may become a secondary defect and create a conducive environment for termites and/or cause rotting to the timber studs, floor joists and bearers or plaster etc, especially in showers, baths, laundry and the like

Different materials and floor areas move at different rates, generally causing cracking to grout at this point.

A flexible sealant is required to allow for expected expansion and contraction, while keeping the joint water tight and protective of all associated building materials.

A flexible sealant/silicon and tile mortar should be applied to affected areas to prevent any subsequent water damage that is likely to occur.

Regular maintenance and replacement of damaged or missing sealant and tile mortar is highly recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of the building in the areas required as water damage is one of the main defects in a building that causes the most damage and without sealant and tile grout always being perfect, secondary defects or secondary damages can start instantly.

Whilst in some of the areas there is sealant/silicon , it has become apparent that the sealant has deteriorated and/or is just missing.

Whilst in some of the tile mortar is perfect , it has become apparent that the tile mortar has deteriorated and/or is just missing in other areas.

A sealant specialist, tiling contractor and/or registered builder should be appointed to assess any damage caused by water to the entire internal, sub-floor, walls etc of the building and clean, take off old sealant and tile mortar, then re-seal and re-mortar these works as soon as possible.

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### 3.09

Location: En-suite Bed 1

Finding: Water Staining - Damaged Materials.  
Water staining was evident in this area or areas at the time of inspection.

Water staining indicates that surfaces have been exposed to excessive moisture / water over time. The minerals and other elements in the water lead to staining, which may graduate to corrosion and deterioration if left unmanaged.

Water staining can be indicative of more serious defects, such as plaster damage that has become detached from its fixings and become dangerous not just cosmetic, wood rot, mould, conducive environment for termites and damage to other types of building materials that are concealed or not concealed by other building elements.

Water staining can cause minor damages such as paint staining, timber discolouration, etc or water staining can lead to more serious major structural defects.

It is important to identify the cause of water staining and STOP FURTHER DETERIORATION by the appropriate tradesperson.

Where water staining is active, a licensed plumber or appropriate trade must be consulted to identify the cause of the staining and to provide advice on any reparation works that may be required.

Replacement of any broken or damaged structures is advised in particular if the damage has caused secondary defects that have compromised the building structure or safety of any persons.

Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion only if the damage is cosmetic though.

It is important to identify the correct professional to perform these works, pending on each situation on how minor or major it has become.

Water Staining - Damaged Materials.





### 3.10

Location: En-suite Bedroom 2

Finding: Silicon / Caulking To All Wet Area Junctions and Tile Grouting - Missing or Damaged.  
It was noted on inspection that sealant and/or tile grout is missing, damaged or inadequate to the tiled wet areas. This may include floor edges, kitchen benches/splashbacks, vanities, bath tub edges, shower areas to the floor and wall tiles, laundry's and all other areas subjected to water or moisture.

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Regular maintenance and replacement of damaged or missing sealant and tile mortar is highly recommended to the wet areas, as this is a regular wear and tear defect. Sealant and grouting in areas that come into regular contact with water should be maintained for the long term care of the building in the areas required as water damage is one of the main defects in a building that causes the most damage and without sealant and tile grout always being perfect, secondary defects or secondary damages can start instantly.

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### 3.11

Location: En-suite Bedroom 2

Finding: Cabinetry - Loose hinges / Re-adjustment  
Several cupboard / wardrobe doors are not level and detract from the operational state of the cabinetry and doors.  
Upon further inspection, it was noted that the hinges to the cupboard doors have deteriorated or just need adjustment. This as a result over time that they have just come loose or deteriorated from their original fixing.

To improve operation of the affected doors, a general handyman / cabinetmaker/ carpenter may be appointed to replace the faulty hinges and/or adjust .

Such works should be completed at the discretion of the client, but we do recommend repairs so that there is no further damages to the existing cabinets or cupboards.



### 3.12

Location: En-suite Bedroom 2

Finding: Basin - Cracked / Damaged

Cracking was evident to the basin at the time of inspection, which is suspected to have been by minor impact damage or wear and tear over time. While the cracking appears to be minor, any further impact damage sustained by the basin may lead to additional cracking.

As the cracking provides potential ingress for water, secondary water damage may occur to associated cabinetry, walls or flooring, if the cracking is left unmanaged.

Consultation with a plumber regarding basin repair or replacement is required. Remedial works may be required to protect against any further damage.



### 3.13

Location: En-suite Bedroom 2

Finding: Water Staining - Damaged Materials.  
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Conversely, where water staining is old and inactive, affected building materials may be repaired or replaced at client discretion only if the damage is cosmetic though.

It is important to identify the correct professional to perform these works, pending on each situation on how minor or major it has become.

Water Staining - Damaged Materials.



### 3.14

Location: Bedroom 1

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### 3.15

Location: Bedroom 1

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Noticeable cracks may result in minor sticking or jamming of associated doors and windows, which require easement. However, noticeable cracks are easily filled and repaired. A plasterer can be consulted to install an expansion joint at this point to allow for this movement during different weather conditions.

Monitoring of all cracking should be conducted frequently. Always contact a building inspector should cracks widen, lengthen, or become more numerous. Additionally, your building inspector should also be contacted if associated building elements such as doors and windows become more difficult to operate over time.

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### 3.16

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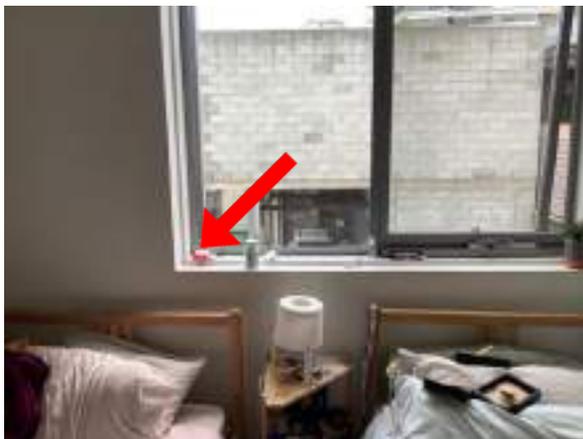
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### 3.17

Location: Kitchen

Finding: Silicon / Caulking To All Wet Area Junctions and Tile Grouting - Missing or Damaged.  
It was noted on inspection that sealant and/or tile grout is missing, damaged or inadequate to the tiled wet areas. This may include floor edges, kitchen benches/splashbacks, vanities, bath tub edges, shower areas to the floor and wall tiles, laundry's and all other areas subjected to water or moisture.

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### 3.18

Location: Kitchen

Finding: Tap - Loose

The tap in this area has not been installed correctly, or has deteriorated with age, and is consequently loose. This tap being loose creates potential for water leaks and subsequent water damage to the surrounding area.

Where taps are loose, a qualified plumber should be appointed to re-fix the plumbing fitting to prevent further secondary damages that may not be seen, creating water damage unseen.



### 3.19

Location:

Kitchen

Finding:

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### 3.20

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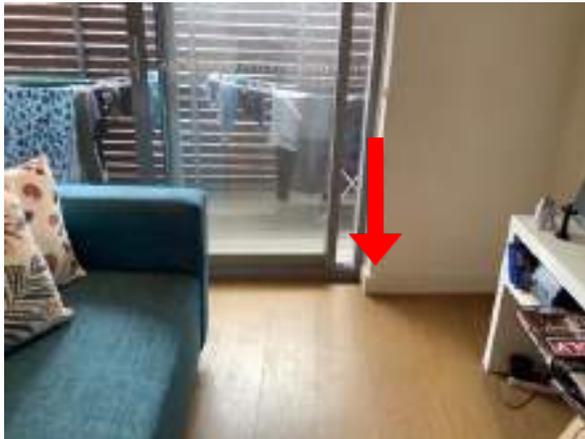
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### 3.22

Location: Balcony

Finding: Timber, exposed to weather / External painting deteriorated  
 Much of the external paint work including but not limited to windows, fascias, guttering, veranda and other external fitments have been neglected and require attention to prepare and re paint.  
 External timbers that are frequently exposed to harsh weather conditions require adequate protection ( paint ) in order to maintain their condition. Where timbers have not been painted or treated adequately, general deterioration is likely to occur at an accelerated rate.

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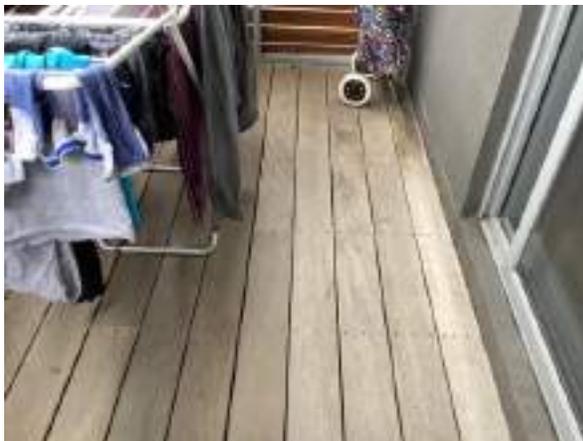
Whilst incomplete or missing paint finish is generally an appearance defect, it can also lead to the development of secondary building defects over time. Incomplete areas of paint finish exposes the area to moisture, potentially accelerating the deterioration of underlying building materials.

Degraded paint finishes should be sanded back, filled, leveled and painted, as applicable. Where inadequate or missing paint protection has led to the deterioration of the associated building element, repair and/or replacement of this building element may be required.

If left unattended, replacement of these timbers is likely to be necessary in the short-term future. Adequate treatment of these timbers is required as soon as possible by a painting contractor should be appointed as soon as possible to perform necessary works to aid the appearance of the affected area and to ensure the area is protected against further deterioration. Alternatively, the homeowner following manufacturer instructions may perform these works.

The property is a very high risk for termites as the environments to the property are very conducive with many susceptible areas.

Please read the report carefully and Maintenance to all susceptible and conducive areas is a MUST to minimise the risk of termite and timber pest existence and timber damage.



## Section E - Conclusion

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Your attention is drawn to the advice contained in the Terms and Conditions of this Report including any special conditions or instructions that need to be considered in relation to this Report.

In the opinion of this Consultant:

The incidence of Major Defects in this property in comparison to the average condition of similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained was considered:

### **Below average**

The incidence of Minor Defects in this property in comparison to the average condition of similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained was considered:

### **Average**

In conclusion, following the inspection of surface work in the readily accessible areas of the property, the overall condition of the building relative to the average condition of similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained was considered:

**Requires minor repairs internally**

## Summary

**Note : The Australian Standards for prepurchase building inspections ( AS 4349.1-2007 ) does not require our inspections to cover items such as footings belowground, concrete slabs belowground, concealed plumbing, appliances such as air-conditioners, ovens and the like, carpet, quality of paint and typical paint defects, fixtures and fittings, mirrors and all other typical minor defects to the interior of the home and the exterior of the home including landscaping.**

**In saying the above, we are proud to say that we go over and above in our inspections & reports to provide information on certain items above or not listed for a better understanding of the property.**

**The condition of the building when compared to similar buildings of its type and similar age in the immediate area and/or other areas, appears to be in AVERAGE condition internally, however the exterior is in good condition**

**There are a number of defects listed in this report which will require attention to rectify and comply with Australian Standards, to prevent further deterioration / damage to the property as listed in this report.**

**Minor defects such as paint quality, plaster quality, damaged or worn items / materials can be repaired at your discretion, however minor defects such as caulking, silicon and water related damage should be repaired at your very earliest convenience to prevent and/or stop any damages or further damages. Major defects, major structural defects and safety hazards should all be attended to as a matter of urgency, to prevent further deterioration to the building and provide safety to yourself and all occupants that come with in the building and within the area of the building.**

## Section F - Important note

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Australian Standard AS4349.0-2007 Inspection of Buildings, Part 0: General Requirements recognises that a property report is not a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the building in the future. Accordingly, a preventative maintenance program should be implemented for the property which includes systematic inspections, detection and prevention of incipient failure. Please contact the Consultant who carried out this inspection for further advice.

## Section G - Additional comments

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IMPORTANT:

When you find this statement BELOW in the defects statements and/or findings in this report, it is important to further look for this item throughout the entire property for further areas of concern.

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### Noted Items

### Observation

### 4.23

Location: The Site

Finding: General Site Photos & Compass  
General site photos and other areas of interest are provided for your general reference.





## 4.24

Location: The Site

Finding: Additional Photos - Obstructions and Limitations

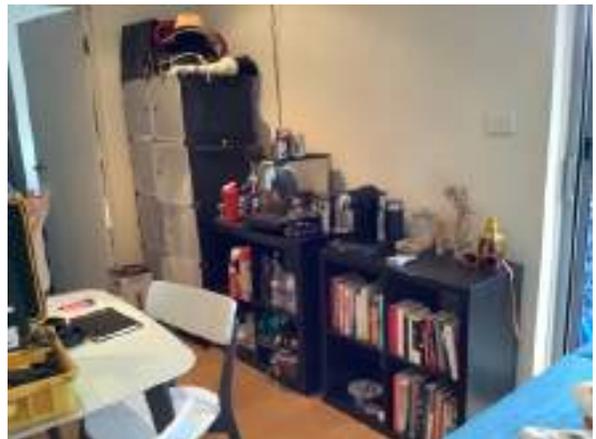
These photographs are an indication of the obstructions and limitations which impeded full inspection of the property at the time of inspection.

These obstructions can hide an array of defects such as minor defects , major defects , safety hazards , termite activity and conducive environments for termites but not limited to.

These obstructions should be removed to allow full inspection to be carried out.

Whilst we have taken many photos of the home and surroundings of the obstructions and limitations , we have just added a few photos in the report for you to understand the type of obstructions and limitations .

A re-inspection is recommended once the areas are made accessible.





## 4.25

Location: The Site

Finding: Electrical Polarity On The Electrical Installation And Power Point Tests.  
Polarity Testing

What is electrical polarity?

Polarity in electrical terms refers to the Positive or Negative conductors within a d.c. circuit, or to the Line and Neutral conductor within an a.c. circuit.

What is a polarity test?

Since a.c. installations consist of a Live and a Neutral conductor, it is extremely important that these conductors are connected the right way around, within all electrical accessories such as wall sockets or plugs. To ensure this, polarity test is done at each relevant point.

The test instrument should indicate full voltage (230V) between Line-Neutral and Line-Earth conductors. No voltage should be detected between Neutral-Earth.

IN ADDITION FURTHER TESTS AS BELOW.

Electrical Polarity On The Electrical Installation And Power Point Tests.

1/ A polarity test , which tests that the Active , Neutral and Earth wires are connected correctly to the power point terminal connections.

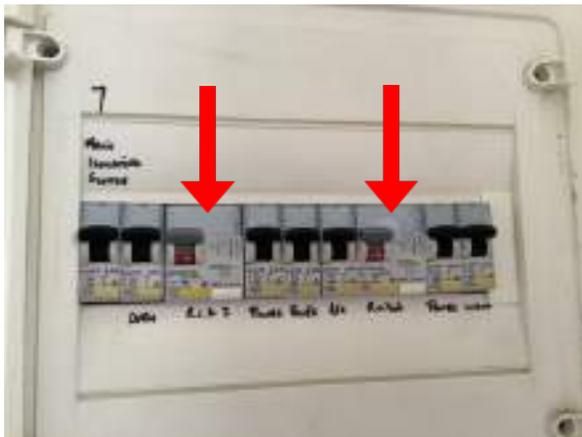
This test clarifies that the electrical installation does have Active , Neutral and Earth as well as correct connections.

2/ Fault Loop Impedance Test , This test is done between Active Conductors and Earth. To test that the loop impedance is below the satisfactory standard.

So in short if there is a electrical fault ( in a appliance and/or faulty wiring) the safety switch will trip ( operate ) within the Australian Standards ( AS ) regulated interval.

3/ Safety Switch test to trip the safety switch at less then 30 milli amps was performed.

These tests all passed the AS 3000 requirement and exceptance level.



## 4.26

Location: For Your Information To All Areas  
Finding: Gas & Electrical Appliances - Inspection & Servicing  
For you information

All gas appliances need to be serviced and maintained in good order. Plumbing inspections are outside the scope of the building inspection and must be conducted by a Licensed and registered Tradesperson. It is highly recommended that the client makes immediate arrangements to have the gas appliances checked by a licensed gas plumber to ensure that the appliances are working safely and efficiently.

We recommend that all other installations should also be checked.

Whilst we note and comment of visually apparent defects that are present during the building inspection, legislation requires the checking and documenting of compliance for plumbing requirements be done by licensed plumbers respectively to ensure they are functioning correctly.

It is highly recommended that a registered plumber is required to inspect all the gas appliances and the gas Installation for defective workmanship and for carbon monoxide leaks and/or gas leaks.

## 4.27

Location: For Your Information To All Areas

Finding: Electrical - A further Electrical Invasive Inspection recommended.  
As we perform a VISUAL ELECTRICAL DEFECT INSPECTION.

It is highly recommended that an invasive electrical inspection take place by a qualified electrician as our inspection is Visual ONLY.

For example we highly recommend that further tests to determine that the main earthing system and the earthing to all metal fittings such as lights etc are all connected.

Upon any Electrical Installation or repairs a certificate of Electrical safety for prescribed or non-prescribed electrical installation work must be given to the owner of the building. (Electricity safety act 1998, Electricity safety (Installations) Regulations 2009)

## 4.28

Location: For Your Information To All Areas

Finding: Advice Summary / Special Notes  
This report contains a list of a number of defects that in our judgement require rectification.

### Scope

Our engagement is confined to that of a Building Consultant and not that of a Building Surveyor as defined in the Building Act, of 1993. Nor have we checked the title boundaries, location of any easements, boundary setbacks, room dimensions, height limitations and or datum's, glazing, alpine and bush-fire code compliance, or any other requirements that is the responsibility of the Relevant Building Surveyor, unless otherwise specifically noted within this report.

# Section H - Annexures to this report

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There are no annexures to this report

## Section I - Certification

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This document certifies that the property described in this Report has been inspected by the Building Consultant in accordance with the level of service requested by the Client and the Terms and Conditions set out in this Report, and in accordance with the current edition of the Report Systems Australia (RSA) Handbook Standard Property Inspection Reports 'Uniform Inspection Guidelines for Building Consultants'.

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