

# BUILDING INSPECTION

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

Jul 29, 2025

# **PROPERTY ADDRESS**

617 Mount Llyod Road Mount Lloyd, TAS , Australia

Inspection Date: 29 Jul 2025

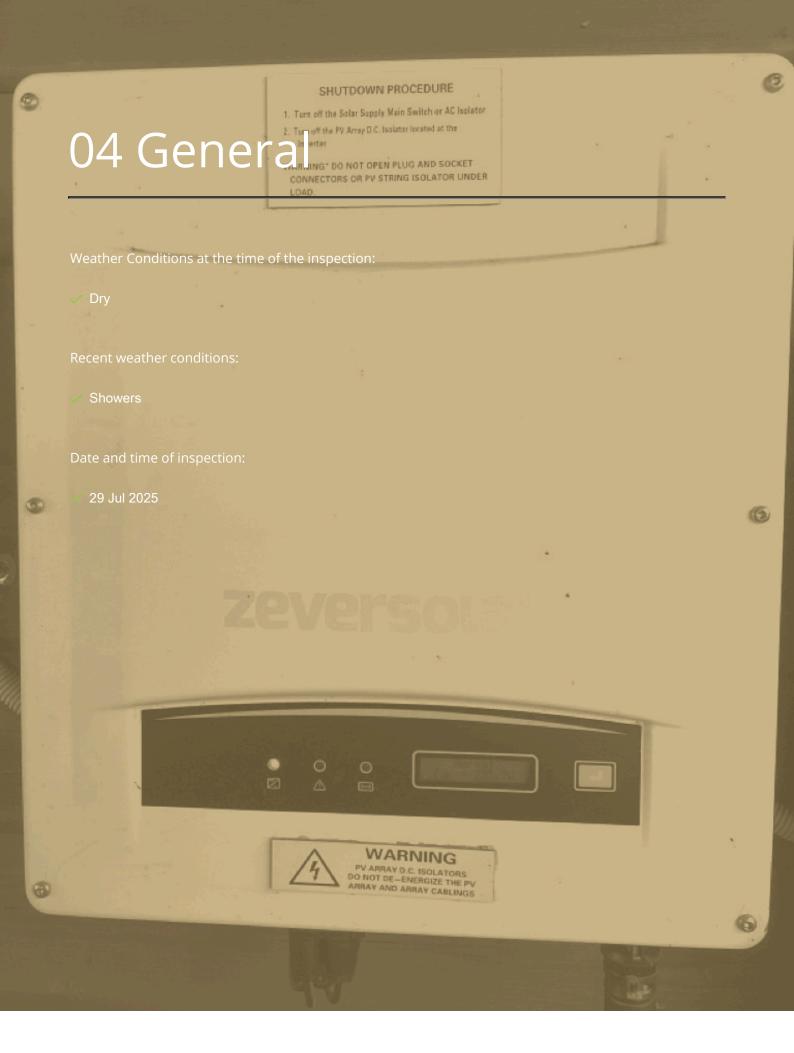
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# 03 Description of Building

Type of Building:	Style of Building:	Number of Stories:
✓ Residential House	✓ Conventional single storey	✓ Single Storey
Age of Building:	Roof Covering:	Roof Frame:
✓ 30-50 years old	✓ Colour Bond Sheeting	✓ steel frame
External Walls:	Floor Construction:	Internal Walls:
✓ Weather Board Walls, Steel frame	✓ Timber flooring on steel frame	✓ Steel Framed Walls
Building Tenancy:	Building Furnished:	Building Frontage Faces:
✓ Occupied	✓ Yes	✓ North
Hot Water Unit:	Solar:	Airconditioning:
✓ Electric external HWU	✓ Electrical solar panels present	✓ Room A/C's
Mains (Submains) Power Board:	Smoke Alarms:	
✓ 1 x RCD	<ul> <li>Smoke alarms installed not checked.</li> <li>Recommend inspection by suitably qualified smoke alarm inspector</li> </ul>	



# 05 Summary of Inspection

# **Results of Building Inspection - Summary**

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

Please refer to the report for explanations.

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

# 06 Areas Inspected

The Building Interior

The Building Exterior

The Roof Void Space

The Roof Exterior

The Subfloor

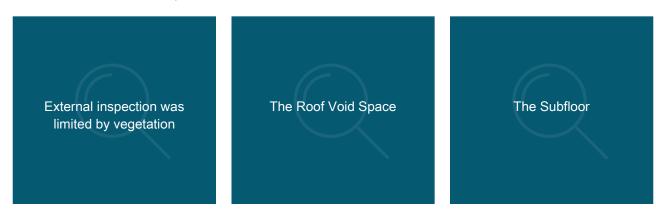
The Site

# 07 Areas Not Inspected

The areas NOT accessible for any inspection were



The areas in which visual inspection was obstructed



# 08 Inspection

# **Kitchen**

#### **Access Limitations**

X Clutter, Furniture, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

#### Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Sink

✓ No defects evident

#### Taps

✓ No defects evident

# Splashback

✓ No defects evident

#### Bench top

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Generally good condition for the age with typical

minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #1

Photo Ref #2





Photo Ref #3

# **Bottom Cupboards**

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age with minor wear

and tear.

Slight moisture damage to the bottom of one or

more cabinet doors

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



**IMAGES** 

Photo Ref #4



Photo Ref #5

# Food Cupboards

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear evident

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)

# **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #6

# Window/s

#### **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# **Meals Area**

# **Access Limitations**

X Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

#### Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

# Rear Exit Door

✓ No defects evident

# Skirting

✓ No defects evident

#### **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# **Lounge Room**

# **Access Limitations**

X Clutter, Furniture, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

#### Walls

# × Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

**IMAGES** 

Comments: Generally good condition with minor cosmetic

defects in one or more areas

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #7

# Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Front Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

# Window/s

✓ No defects evident

# Skirting

✓ No defects evident

#### **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# **Bedroom 1**

#### **Access Limitations**

X Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

#### Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

#### Door/s and door furniture

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Door edge not painted

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)





Photo Ref #8

# Skirting

No defects evident

#### Architraves

# **Bedroom 2**

#### **Access Limitations**

X Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

# Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

#### Window/s

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical windowsill reveal

staining evident. Evident to some windows

throughout the dwelling.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

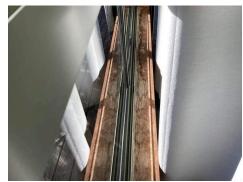


Photo Ref #9

#### Door/s and door furniture

# × Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical minor wear and

tear.

Evident to doors throughout dwelling

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)





Photo Ref #10

# Skirting

✓ No defects evident

#### **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# **Main Bathroom**

# **Access Limitations**

× Clutter

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

#### Walls

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Minor cosmetic surface defects adjacent shower/

bath area.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

# **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #11

# **Shower Wall Tiles**

✓ No defects evident

#### Bathroom floor

✓ No defects evident

#### **Basins**

✓ No defects evident

# Splashback Tiles

✓ No defects evident

# Taps

✓ No defects evident

#### Mirror

# Vanity Cupboard

# × Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)



**IMAGES** 

Bath

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age with minor chip to

porcelain

Defect Significance: Minor

Photo Ref #12

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #13

# Bath Splashback

✓ No defects evident

#### **Bath Side Tiles**

✓ No defects evident

# Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

# Window/s

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Staining to windowsill reveal evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #14

# **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# Skirting tiles

✓ No defects evident

# **Toilet**

# **Access Limitations**

× Clutter

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

# Walls

✓ No defects evident

# Floor

✓ No defects evident

# Taps

✓ No defects evident

# Pan and cistern

#### Door and door furniture

✓ No defects evident

#### Window/s

✓ No defects evident

#### **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

#### Skirting

✓ No defects evident

# Laundry

# **Access Limitations**

X Furniture, Clutter, Curtains and blinds

# Ceiling

✓ No defects evident

#### Cornice

✓ No defects evident

# Walls

✓ No defects evident

#### Floor

✓ No defects evident

# Taps

✓ No defects evident

# Splashback

✓ No defects evident

# Tub

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical minor wear and

tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #15

# Window/s

✓ No defects evident

#### Door/s and door furniture

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)





Photo Ref #16

#### Rear Exit Door & door furniture

× Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Good condition. Door not painted.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)





Photo Ref #17

# **Architraves**

✓ No defects evident

# Skirting

✓ No defects evident

# **Roof Void Space**

# **Access Limitations**

✓ No limitations

# Roof structure

#### Insulation

× Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: No ceiling insulation is installed.

Roof reflective foil has insulation to one side.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

# **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #18

#### Reflective foil

✓ No defects evident

# **Carport**

#### **Access Limitations**

× Clutter

# Timber/metal structural components

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Carport appears sound at the time of inspection.

Mild element weathering evident.

Defect Significance: Minor

**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)







#### Concrete under

✓ No defects evident

# Roofing

✓ No defects evident

# **Deck &/or Pergola**

# **Access Limitations**

× Clutter

# Rafters/Beams

✓ No defects evident

#### Columns

✓ No defects evident

#### Balustrade

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Wire balustrade loose in some sections

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

Photo Ref #21

# Flooring

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Front deck has mild element weathering and is in

good condition.

Rear deck flooring has typical element weathering with some sections of deterioration evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

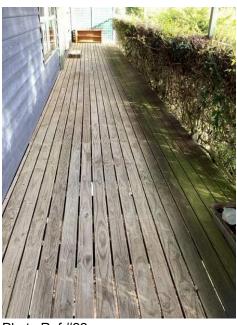


Photo Ref #22



Photo Ref #23



Photo Ref #24

# **Exterior**

#### **Access Limitations**

× Vegetation, Clutter

# Exterior cladding/finish

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Timber exterior cladding appears to be in

reasonable condition for the age.

Some areas of minor defects are evident. Some dents and minor defects are evident to corrugated iron cladding below floor level

Defect Significance: Minor

**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)



Photo Ref #25



Photo Ref #26



Photo Ref #27



Photo Ref #28

# **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #29



Photo Ref #30



Photo Ref #31



Photo Ref #32

#### Windows

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Aluminium windows appear to be in good condition

for the age.

Unable to determine or locate mechanical flashing. There was no evidence of moisture ingress at the

time of inspection

Defect Significance: Further Investigation

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

### **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #33

#### Doors

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Good condition for the age with typical weathering,

minor track and roller wear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #34

# Doors

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Generally good condition with mild element

weathering

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)



Photo Ref #35



Photo Ref #36

#### Door sills

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Reasonable condition with typical weathering wear Comments:

and tear evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)







Photo Ref #38

# Chimney/Flue

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: Functional. Flu cap Missing.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #39

# Site

# **Access Limitations**

× Vegetation, Clutter

#### Foundation

✓ No defects evident

# Drainage

× Other

**EXPLANATIONS** 

Comments: No drainage defects were evident at the time of

inspection and the site appeared relatively well

drained.

Drainage monitoring is always recommended as a matter of course as drainage conditions have potential to change, particularly overtime or during

prolonged or heavy rain events

If drainage conditions or moisture become

problematic, remedial measures may be required

Defect Significance: Further Investigation

Defect Type: F (Operational)

Defect Type: E (Operational)





Photo Ref #40

Photo Ref #41

#### **Fences**

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Element weathering evident in some areas and

areas of defects are evident

Gates may require adjustment to improve function

Defect Significance: Minor

**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

# **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #42



Photo Ref #43



Photo Ref #44



Photo Ref #45



Photo Ref #46

# Driveway

× Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Gravel driveway is in reasonable condition for the age with some areas of wash and erosion evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)



Photo Ref #47



Photo Ref #48

#### **Paths**

# × Other

# **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Reasonable condition at the time of inspection.

Gravel areas subject to wash and erosion.

Mild deflection in some areas.

Timber areas have element weathering and some areas of pathways may be slippery when wet

Defect Significance: Minor

**Defect Type:** D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

### **IMAGES**



Photo Ref #49



Photo Ref #50



Photo Ref #51



Photo Ref #52



# Photo Ref #53

# **Sub Floor**

#### **Access Limitations**

**IMAGES** 

× Clutter

# Flooring

✓ No defects evident

# Bearers

✓ No defects evident

#### Joists

✓ No defects evident

# Ventilation

✓ No defects evident

# Sub floor door

✓ No defects evident

# Piers

✓ No defects evident

# **Roof Exterior**

# **Access Limitations**

× Vegetation, Clutter

# **Roof Covering**

✓ No defects evident

# Ridges

✓ No defects evident

#### Gutters

× Other

#### **EXPLANATIONS**

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age. Cleaning of some

areas may improve function.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: E (Operational)





Photo Ref #54

# Downpipes

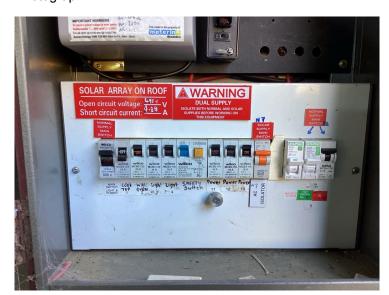
✓ No defects evident

# Bargeboard

# 09 General Photographs



Photograph 1







Photograph 3





Photograph 4

Photograph 5





Photograph 6

Photograph 7



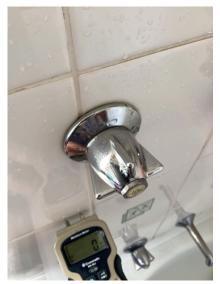




Photograph 8

Photograph 9

Photograph 10





Photograph 11

Photograph 12





Photograph 14



Photograph 15



Photograph 16



Photograph 17



Photograph 18



Photograph 19



Photograph 20



Photograph 21



Photograph 22



Photograph 23



Photograph 24



Photograph 25



Photograph 26



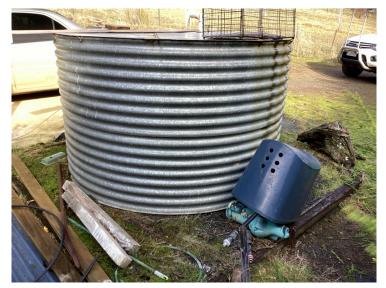
Photograph 27



Photograph 28



Photograph 29



Photograph 30



Photograph 31



Photograph 32

# 10 Defects and Safety Issues

#### **Safety Hazards in this Building:**

No Safety Hazards Identified

#### **Major Defects in this Building:**

No Major Defects Identified

#### Minor and Other Defects in this Building:

#### Bench top

× Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Generally good condition for the age with typical

minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### **Bottom Cupboards**

× Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age with minor wear

and tear. Slight moisture damage to the bottom of

one or more cabinet doors

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### **Food Cupboards**

× Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Walls

#### × Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor cosmetic

defects in one or more areas

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Door/s and door furniture

× Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Door edge not painted

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

#### Window/s

X Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical windowsill reveal

staining evident. Evident to some windows

throughout the dwelling.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Door/s and door furniture

X Other

**Explanation** 

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical minor wear and

tear. Evident to doors throughout dwelling

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Walls

#### X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Minor cosmetic surface defects adjacent shower/

bath area.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Vanity Cupboard

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Bath

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age with minor chip to

porcelain

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Window/s

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Staining to windowsill reveal evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Tub

#### × Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical minor wear and

tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Door/s and door furniture

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Generally good condition with minor wear and tear

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Rear Exit Door & door furniture

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Good condition. Door not painted.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

#### Insulation

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: No ceiling insulation is installed. Roof reflective foil

has insulation to one side.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

#### Timber/metal structural components

#### × Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Carport appears sound at the time of inspection. Mild

element weathering evident.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### Balustrade

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Wire balustrade loose in some sections

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: F (Installation, including omissions)

#### Flooring

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Front deck has mild element weathering and is in

good condition. Rear deck flooring has typical element weathering with some sections of

deterioration evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### Exterior cladding/finish

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Timber exterior cladding appears to be in reasonable

condition for the age. Some areas of minor defects are evident. Some dents and minor defects are evident to corrugated iron cladding below floor level

Defect Significance: Mir

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### **Doors**

#### × Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Good condition for the age with typical weathering,

minor track and roller wear

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### **Doors**

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Generally good condition with mild element

weathering

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### Door sills

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Reasonable condition with typical weathering wear

and tear evident

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Chimney/Flue

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Functional. Flu cap Missing.

Defect Significance: Minor
Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### **Fences**

#### × Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Element weathering evident in some areas and

areas of defects are evident Gates may require

adjustment to improve function

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### Driveway

X Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Gravel driveway is in reasonable condition for the

age with some areas of wash and erosion evident

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: A (Damage)

#### Paths

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Reasonable condition at the time of inspection.

Gravel areas subject to wash and erosion. Mild deflection in some areas. Timber areas have element weathering and some areas of pathways

may be slippery when wet

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: D (Material Deterioration: rusting, rotting, corrosion,

decay)

#### Gutters

× Other

#### **Explanation**

Comments: Reasonable condition for the age. Cleaning of some

areas may improve function.

Defect Significance: Minor

Defect Type: E (Operational)

# 11 Other Inspections and Reports Required

Further Inspections Recommended



## 12 Conclusion & Summary

The purpose of the inspection is to identify the major defects and safety hazards associated with the property at the time of the inspection. The inspection and reporting is limited to a visual assessment of the Building Members in accord with Appendix C AS4349.1-2007.

The overall condition of this building has been compared to similar constructed buildings of approximately the same age where those buildings have had a maintenance program implemented to ensure that the building members are still fit for purpose.

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

None

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

**Typical** 

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

**Average** 

#### **Overall Condition Comments:**

At the time of inspection the;

Site appeared relatively well drained with no drainage defects evident.

Subfloor area was dry and elements were in reasonable condition for the age.

Floor frame appeared sound throughout.

Internal and external walls appear relatively plum and sound.

Roof frame appeared sound, elements were in reasonable condition with no moisture ingress or condensation defects evident.

Roof covering was in good condition for the age.

External cladding was in reasonable condition for the age with one or more small areas of minor defect

Moisture readings did not reveal any areas of rising damp, moisture ingress or leaking pipework.

Weathering, cosmetic defects, typical wear and tear are evident and consistent with the age of the dwelling.

Maintenance and repairs, typical for a willing of this age, construction type, current condition and as per but not limited to defects listed within this report will be required to maintain aesthetic appearance and building function.

There was no odour or evidence of defect in vicinity of sewage system.

Timber elements retaining detached shed base have timber deterioration evident.

Some areas of this report and some pictures in the general photos section may require discussion.

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

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

## 13 Contact

We take this opportunity to thank you for your instructions.

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

Yours faithfully,

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## 14 Terms & Conditions

#### Part 1: Purpose and Scope of Inspection

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

#### Inspection Agreement - Individual title property

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

#### **Purpose of Inspection**

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

#### **Important Information and Disclaimer**

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

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

#### **Scope of Inspection**

The inspection comprised a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and safety hazards, and

to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the property at the time of inspection. An estimate of the cost of rectification of defects is outside the scope of the Standard and therefore does not form part of this report.

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

#### What is reported on:

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

#### What is not reported on:

- general exclusions detailed in the standard AS 4349.1 2007
- · Parts of a building that are under construction
- · The inspection is not intended to include rigorous assessment of all building elements in a property
- Defects that would only be apparent under particular weather conditions or when using particular fittings & fixtures
- Defects not apparent due to occupancy or occupancy behavior eg non use of a leaking shower
- The inspection report is not a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any
  Act, regulation, ordinance, local law or by-law and is not a warranty against problems developing with
  the building in the future
- Unauthorized building work or of work not compliant with building regulations
- Title and ownership matters, matters concerning easements, covenants, restrictions, zoning certificates and all other law-related matters
- · Estimation of the cost of rectification of specific defects.
- Specifics excluded by the standard AS 4349.1 2007 Footings below ground, concealed damp-proof
  course, electrical installations, operation of smoke detectors, light switches and fittings, TV, sound and
  communication and security systems, concealed plumbing, adequacy of roof drainage as installed,
  gas fittings and fixtures, air conditioning, automatic garage door mechanisms, swimming pools and
  associated filtration and similar equipment, the operation of fireplaces and solid fuel heaters, including
  chimneys and flues, alarm systems, intercom systems, soft floor coverings, electrical appliances

including dishwashers, incinerators, ovens, ducted vacuum systems, paint coatings except external protective coatings, health hazards e.g., allergies, soil toxicity, lead content, radon, presence of asbestos or urea formaldehyde), timber and metal framing sizes and adequacy, concealed tie downs and bracing, timber pest activity, other mechanical or electrical equipment (such as gates, inclinators), soil conditions, control joints, sustainable development provisions, concealed framing-timbers or any areas concealed by wall linings or sidings, landscaping, rubbish, floor cover, furniture and accessories, stored items, insulation, environmental matters e.g. BASIX, water tanks, BCA environmental provisions, energy efficiency, lighting efficiency.

#### **Special Requirements**

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

#### Limitations

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

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

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

#### Safe and Reasonable Access

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

#### **Dimensions for Reasonable Access**

**Roof Interior** - Access opening = 400 x 500 mm - Crawl Space = 600 x 600mm - Height accessible from a 3.6m ladder.

**Roof Exterior** - Must be accessible from a 3.6m ladder placed on the ground.

## 15 Definitions

**High:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are beyond the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained.

**Typical:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are consistent with the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained.

**Low:** The frequency and/or magnitude of defects are lower than the inspector's expectations when compared to similar buildings of approximately the same age that have been reasonably well maintained.

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

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

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

**Major Defect:** Is a Defect requiring building works to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of function or further worsening of the defective item.

Minor Defect: Any Defect other than what is described as a major defect.

**Structural Element:** Physically distinguishable part of a structure. Note: for example, wall columns, beam, commection.

**Accessible area**: is any area of the property and structures allowing the inspector safe and reasonable access within the scope of the inspection.

The Definitions below apply to the TYPES OF DEFECTS associated with individual items/parts or inspection areas.

Damage: The building material or item has deteriorated or is not fit for its designed purpose.

Distortion, Warping, Twisting: The item has moved out of shape or moved from its position.

Water Pentration, Dampness: Moisture has gained access to unplanned and/or unacceptable areas.

**Material Deterioration:** The item is subject to one or more of the following defects, rusting, rotting, corrision, decay.

**Operational:** The item or part does not function as expected.

Installation: The installation of an item is unacceptable, has failed or is absent.