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Inspection Agreement & Terms & Conditions

You agree that in signing this agreement you have read and understand the contents of this agreement and that the inspection will be carried out in accordance with this document. You agree to pay for the inspection on delivery of the report. If you fail to sign and return a copy of this agreement to us and do not cancel the requested inspection then you agree that you have read and understand the contents of this agreement and that we will carry out the inspection on the basis of this agreement and that we can rely on this agreement. You agree that in signing this agreement, you understand that the report is valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of inspection, and is for the exclusive use of the client/parties named on the inspection agreement and within the report. The report **cannot** be on sold or used by the client or any other party other than the report author to any other party. If there is anything in this agreement that you do not understand then, prior to the commencement of the inspection, you must contact us by phone or in person and have us explain and clarify the matter to your satisfaction. Your failure to contact us means that you have read this agreement and do fully understand the contents.

Note: Additional inspection requirements requested by you may incur additional expense in regard to the cost of the inspection.

Pre-Purchase Building Inspection AS4349.1-2007.

INSPECTION & REPORT: The inspection will be of the Building Elements as outlined in Appendix C of AS4349.1-2007 except for Strata title properties where the inspection will be according to Appendix B of AS4349.1-2007.

We will carry out the inspection and report ordered by you in accordance with this agreement and you agree to pay for the inspection on or before delivery of the report.

In ordering the inspection, you agree that the inspection will be carried out in accordance with the following clauses, which define the scope and limitations of the inspection and the report.

SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION & THE REPORT

1. 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.
2. The inspection shall comprise a visual assessment of the items listed in Appendix C to AS4349.1-2007 for the structures within 30 metres of the building and within the site boundaries including fences.
3. Subject to safe and reasonable access (See Definitions below) the inspection will normally report on the condition of each of the following areas: The interior, roof void, exterior, subfloor, roof exterior.
4. The inspector will report individually on Major Defects and Safety Hazards evident and visible on the date and time of the inspection. The report will also provide a general assessment of the property and collectively comment on Minor Defects which would form a normal part of property maintenance.
5. Where a Major Defect has been identified, the inspector will give an opinion as to why it is a Major defect and specify its location.

LIMITATIONS

6. The inspector will conduct a non-invasive visual inspection which will be limited to those accessible areas and sections of the property to which Safe and Reasonable Access (see Definitions below) is both available and

permitted on the date and time of the inspection. Areas where reasonable entry is denied to the inspector, or where safe and reasonable access is not available, are excluded from and do not form part of, the inspection. Those areas may be the subject of an additional inspection upon request following the provision or reasonable entry and access.

7. The inspection **will not** involve any invasive inspection including cutting, breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including, but not limited to, roofing, wall and ceiling sheeting, ducting, foliage, mouldings, debris, roof insulation, sarking, sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, fixtures, floors, pavers, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions.

8. The inspection and report compares the inspected building 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 durability.

9. The inspection excludes the inside of walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, inside the eaves, behind stored goods in cupboards, and other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector **will not** dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures.

10. The Report is not a certificate of compliance that the property complies with the requirements of any Act, regulation, ordinance, local law or by-law, or as a warranty or an insurance policy against problems developing with the building in the future.

11. The Building Inspection **will not** look for or report on Timber Pest Activity. You should have an inspection carried out in accordance with AS 4349.3-2010 Timber Pest Inspections, by a fully qualified, licensed and insured Timber Pest Inspector.

12. If Timber Pest Damage is found then it will be reported. The inspector will only report on the damage which is visible.

13. ASBESTOS: No inspection for asbestos will be carried out at the property and no report on the presence or absence of asbestos will be provided. If during the course of the Inspection asbestos or materials containing asbestos happened to be noticed then this may be noted in the general remarks section of the report. If asbestos is noted as present within the property then you agree to seek advice from a qualified asbestos removal expert as to the amount and importance of the asbestos present and the cost sealing or of removal.

14. MOULD (MILDEW) AND NON-WOOD DECAY FUNGI DISCLAIMER: No inspection or report will be made for Mould (Mildew) and non-wood decay fungi.

15. ESTIMATING DISCLAIMER: Any estimates provided in the 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 inspector accepts no liability for any estimates provided throughout this report where they occur you agree to obtain and rely on independent quotations for the same work.

16. If the property to be inspected is occupied then you must be aware that furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of problems, which may only be revealed when the items are moved or removed.

Where the Report says the property is occupied you agree to:

a) Obtain a statement from the owner as to

i. any Timber Pest activity or damage;

ii. timber repairs or other repairs

iii. alterations or other problems to the property known to them

iv. any other work carried out to the property including Timber Pest treatments

v. obtain copies of any paperwork issued and the details of all work carried out

b) Indemnify the inspector from any loss incurred by you relating to the items listed in clause a) above where no such statement is obtained.

17. The inspection **will not** cover or report the items listed in Appendix D to AS4349.1-2007.

18. Where the property is a strata or similar title, the inspector will only inspect the interior and immediate exterior of the particular unit requested to be inspected as detailed in Appendix B in AS4349.1-2007. Therefore it is advised that the client obtain an inspection of common areas prior to any decision to purchase.

19. The inspection and report **will not** report on any defects which may not be apparent due to prevailing weather conditions at the time of the inspection. Such defects may only become apparent in differing weather conditions.

20. You agree that we cannot accept any liability for our failure to report a defect that was concealed by the owner of the building being inspected and you agree to indemnify us for any failure to find such concealed defects.

21. Where our report recommends another type of inspection including an invasive inspection and report then you should have such an inspection carried out prior to the exchange of contracts or end of cooling-off period. If you fail to follow our recommendations then you agree and accept that you may suffer a financial loss and indemnify us against all losses that you incur resulting from your failure to act on our advice.

22. The report is prepared and presented, unless stated otherwise, under the assumption that the existing use of the building will continue as a residential property.

GENERALLY

23. In the event of a dispute or a claim arising out of, or relating to the inspection or the report, or any alleged negligent act, error or omission on our part or on the part of the inspector conducting the inspection, either party may give written notice of the dispute or claim to the other party. If the dispute is not resolved within twenty one (21) days from the service of the written Notice then either party may refer the dispute or claim to an independent mediator nominated by us. The cost shall be met equally by both parties or as agreed as part of the mediation settlement. Should the dispute or claim not be resolved by mediation then one or other of the parties may refer the dispute or claim to the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators of Australia who will appoint an Arbitrator who will resolve the dispute by arbitration. The Arbitrator will also determine what costs each of the parties are to pay.

24. Third Party Disclaimer:

We will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense, whatsoever, suffered or incurred by any person other than You in connection with the use of the Inspection Report provided pursuant to this agreement by that Person for any purpose or in any way, including the use of this report for any purpose connected with the sale, purchase, or use of the property or the giving of security over the property, to the extent permissible by law. The only person to whom we may be liable and to whom losses arising in contract or tort sustained may be payable by us is the client named on the face page of this Agreement.

25. Prohibition on the Provision or Sale of the Report

The Report may not be sold or provided to any other person without our express written permission, unless the client is authorised to do so by Legislation. If we give our permission it may be subject to conditions such as payment of a further fee by the other person and agreement from the other person to comply with this clause.

26. Release

You release us from any and all claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, damages, losses, interest, costs and expenses of whatever nature that the person may have at any time hereafter arising from the unauthorised provision or sale of the Report by you to a person without our express written permission.

27. Indemnity

You indemnify us in respect of any and all liability, including all claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, damages, losses, interest, costs and expenses of any nature, which may be incurred by, brought, made or recovered against us arising directly or indirectly from the unauthorised provision or sale of the report by you to a person without our express written permission.

DEFINITIONS:

You should read and understand the following definitions of words used in this agreement and the report. This will help you understand what is involved in a property and building inspection, the difficulties faced by the inspector and the contents of the report which we will provide you following the Inspection.

Acceptance Criteria: The Building shall be 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.

Access hole (cover) means an opening in the structure to allow for safe entry to carry out an inspection.

Accessible area means an area of the site where sufficient safe and reasonable access is available to allow inspection within the scope of the inspection.

Building Element means a portion of a building that, by itself or in combination with other such parts, fulfils a characteristic function.

Client means the person(s) or other legal entity for which the inspection is to be carried out. If ordered by the person(s)'s agent then it is agreed that the agent represents the person(s) and has the authority to act for and on their behalf. (See also "You/Your" below).

Our/Us/We means the company, partnership or individual named that you have requested to carry out the property inspection and report.

You/Your means the party identified on the face page of this agreement as the Client, and where more than one party all such parties jointly and severally, together with any agent of that party.

Defect means a fault or deviation from the intended condition of the material, assembly or component.

Inspector means the person or organization responsible for carrying out the inspection. (See also "Our/Us/We" below.)

Limitation means any factor that prevents full achievement of the purpose of the inspection.

Major defect means a defect of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property.

Minor defect means a defect other than a Major defect.

Person means any individual, company, partnership or association who is not a client.

Property means the structures and boundaries etc up to thirty (30m) metres from the exterior walls of the main building but within the boundaries of the land on which the main building is erected.

Report means the document and any attachments issued to you by us following our inspection of the property.

Structural inspection means the inspection shall comprise visual assessment of accessible areas of the property to identify major defects to the building structure and to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the structure of the property. The report will not include those items noted in Clause A3 of AS 4349.1-2007 e.g. Condition of roof coverings, partition walls, cabinetry, doors, trims, fencing, minor structures, ceiling linings, windows, non-structural & serviceability damp issues, rising damp, condensation etc.

Safe and Reasonable Access does not include the use of destructive or invasive inspection methods or moving furniture or stored goods.

The Standard defines the extent of safe and reasonable access as follows:

"The extent of accessible areas shall be determined by the inspector at the time of inspection, based on the conditions encountered at the time of the inspection. The inspector shall also determine whether sufficient space is available to allow safe access. The inspection shall include only accessible areas and areas that are within the inspector's line of sight and close enough to enable reasonable appraisal."

It also defines access to areas as defined in the Table below.

Access Table from AS 4349.1-2007

Access hole Crawl space Height

Roof interior 400mm x 500mm 600mm x 600mm Accessible from a 3.6m ladder placed on the ground

Roof Exterior Accessible from a 3.6m ladder placed on the ground

Table Notes:

1. Reasonable access does not include the cutting of access holes or the removal of screws and bolts or any other fastenings or sealants to access covers.
2. Sub floor areas sprayed with Chemicals should not be inspected unless it is safe to do so.

PRE-PURCHASE VISUAL TIMBER PEST INSPECTION AS4349.3 2010.

To avoid any misunderstanding as to the type of inspection we will carry out and as to the scope of the resulting report you should immediately read, sign and return a copy of this agreement to us. In ordering the inspection, you agree that the inspection will be carried out in accordance with the following clauses which define the scope and limitations of the inspection and the report.

INSPECTION & REPORT.

1. In Pre-Purchase Visual Timber Pest Inspections the inspection will be in accord with the requirements of Australian Standard AS 4349.3-2010 Inspection of buildings Part 3: Timber Pest Inspections.
2. All inspections will be a non-invasive visual inspection and will be limited to those areas and sections of the property to which Reasonable Access [see definitions below] is both available and permitted on the date and time of Inspection.

3. The inspector may use a probe or screwdriver to tap and sound some timbers. The inspector may use a moisture meter to check moisture levels in walls that back onto wet areas such as showers etc. The moisture meter can be used on other walls where full access to the walls can be obtained.
4. The inspection **will not** involve any invasive inspection including cutting, breaking apart, dismantling, removing or moving objects including but not limited to roofing, wall and ceiling sheeting, ducting, foliage, mouldings, debris, roof insulation, sarking, sisalation, floor or wall coverings, sidings, fixtures, floors, pavers, garden ground covers, retaining walls, garden borders, fences, furnishings, appliances or personal possessions.
5. Inspectors **can not** see or inspect inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, inside the eaves, behind stored goods in cupboards, in other areas that are concealed or obstructed. Insulation in the roof void may conceal the ceiling timbers and make inspection of the area unsafe. The inspector **will not** dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures.
6. If the property to be inspected is occupied then you should be aware that furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of Timber Pests, which may only be revealed when the items are removed. In some cases the concealment may be deliberate. You should obtain a statement from the owner as to any timber pest activity or damage to the property known to them and what, if any, treatments have been carried out to the property. It is important to obtain copies of any documentation issued and the details of any repairs carried out. Ideally the information obtained should be given to the inspector prior to the inspection being conducted.

SCOPE OF INSPECTION AND REPORT.

7. In Pre-purchase Visual Timber Pest Inspections in accord with AS 4349.3.2010 the inspection and resulting Report will be confined to reporting on the discovery, or non discovery, of infestation and/or damage caused by subterranean and damp wood termites [white ants], borers of seasoned timber and wood decay fungi [wood rot], present on the date and time of the Inspection. The Inspection will not cover any other pests and the Report will not comment on them.
8. Where visual evidence of inactive termite workings and/or damage is located, it is possible that termites may still be active in the immediate vicinity and the termites may continue to cause further damage. It is not possible, without benefit of further investigation and inspections over a period of time, to ascertain whether the infestation is active or inactive. Continued, regular, inspections are essential.
9. The report will comment on any evidence of a termite treatment that is found at the time of inspection. The purchaser should obtain a statement from the owner as to any treatments that have been carried out to the property. It is important to obtain copies of any documentation issued.

LIMITATIONS.

10. Nothing contained in the Report will imply that any inaccessible or partly inaccessible area[s] or section[s] of the property are not, or have not been, infested by termites or timber pests. Accordingly the Report will not guarantee that an infestation and/or damage does not exist in any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property. Nor can it guarantee that a future infestation of Timber Pests will not occur or be found.

DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

11. The Report will state timber damage found as 'slight', 'moderate', 'moderate to extensive' or 'extensive'. This information is not the opinion of an expert, as the inspector is not qualified to give an expert opinion. The report will not and cannot state the full extent of any timber pest damage. 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 some structural or concealed damage within the building[s].
12. If Timber Pest activity and/or damage are found, within the structures or the grounds of the property, then damage may exist in concealed areas, eg framing timbers. Damage may only be found when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed to reveal previously concealed timber. You agree that neither we nor the individual conducting the Inspection is responsible or liable for the repair of any damage whether disclosed by the report or not.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

13. In the event of any dispute or claim arising out of, or relating to the Inspection or the Report, or any alleged negligent act or omission on our part or on the part of the individual conducting the Inspection, either party may give written Notice of the dispute or claim to the other party. If the dispute is not resolved within twenty

one [21] days from the service of the written Notice then either party may refer the dispute or claim to a mediator nominated by us. Should the dispute or claim not be resolved by mediation then one or other of the parties may refer the dispute or claim to the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators of Australia who will appoint an Arbitrator who will resolve the dispute by arbitration. The Arbitrator will also determine what costs each of the parties are to pay.

THIRD PARTIES.

14. The Report will be made solely for the use and benefit of the Client. No liability or responsibility whatsoever, in contract or tort, is accepted to any third party who may rely on the report wholly or in part. Any third parties acting or relying on the report, in whole or in part will do so at their own risk.

DEFINITIONS.

15. You should read and understand the following definitions of words used in this agreement and the Report. This will help you understand what is involved in a Timber Pest Inspection, the difficulties faced by an inspector and the contents of the Report with which we will provide you following the inspection.

Access hole means a hole in the structure allowing entry to an area.

Active means the presence of live timber pests at the time of inspection.

Client means the person[s] for whom the inspection is to be carried out. If ordered by the client's agent, then the agent warrants that he/she has authority to act for and on behalf of the client.

High moisture readings means a reading on a moisture meter that is higher than the norm for other parts of the structure. Such high readings should be investigated as the presence could indicate a leak or may indicate timber pest activity.

Inactive means the absence of live timber pests at the time of inspection but evidence such as workings, damage, mudding or exit holes is found at the time of the inspection.

Property means the structures, gardens, trees and fences etc up to fifty [50] metres from the exterior walls of the main building but within the boundaries of the land on which the main building is erected.

Reasonable Access means access to areas as defined in AS 4349.3-2010 "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 reasonable access include cutting or making access traps, or moving furniture or stored goods.

Roof Interior Access Hole = 450 x 450mm – Crawl Space = 600 x 600mm - Height accessible from 2.1m step ladder or 3.6m ladder placed against a wall.

Subfloor Access Hole = 500 x 400mm – Crawl space [timber floor] = 400mm to bearer, joist or other obstruction, [concrete floor] = 500mm.

Report means the report issued to you by us following our inspection of the property.

Termites mean subterranean and damp wood termites and does not include dry wood termites.

Timber Pests means subterranean and damp wood termites [white ants], borers of seasoned timber and wood decay fungi [wood rot].

The term our / us / we means the company, partnership or individual named below that you have requested to carry out a timber pest or termite inspection and report.

The term you / your means the party identified as the Client on the face page of this agreement, and where more than one party all such parties jointly and severally, together with any agent of that party.

UNDERSTANDING.

16. If there is anything in this agreement that you do not understand then, prior to the commencement of the inspection, you must contact us by phone and have us explain and clarify the matter to your satisfaction. Your failure to contact us means that you have read this agreement and do fully understand the contents.

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