

Inspection Report

Provided By



INSPECTOR WEST

3 Taviano Vista, Secret Harbour WA, Australia, secret harbour, Western Australia, 6173

P 0409280488

brian@inspectorwest.com.au

Property Address

1 Crandon Street, Gosnells, WA, 6110



Report Information

Client Information

Client Name Yaser Al-Omari
Client Email

Inspection Information

Report/Agreement # 100324070257324
Inspection Date: 09 Mar 2024
Inspection Time: 10:45 am

Table of Contents

1. ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS
2. TERMITE FINDINGS
3. CONDUCTIVE CONDITIONS
4. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Visual Termite Inspection Report in accordance with AS 3660.2-2000

Important Information. Any person who relies upon the contents of this report does so acknowledging that the clauses and information contained herein define the Scope and Limitations of the inspection and form an integral part of the report.

1. THIS IS A VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY. in accordance with the Australian Standard Termite Management Part 2: In and around existing buildings and structures Guidelines AS 3660.2-2000. Visual inspection was limited to those areas and sections of the property to which reasonable access) was both available and permitted on the date of Inspection.

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

The inspector **CANNOT** see inside walls, between floors, inside skillion roofing, inside the eaves, behind stored goods in cupboards or, in other areas that are concealed or obstructed. The inspector **DID NOT** dig, gouge, force or perform any other invasive procedures.

An invasive inspection will not be performed unless a separate contract is entered into. In an occupied property it must be understood that furnishings or household items may be concealing evidence of termites, which may only be revealed when, the items are moved or removed.

2. SCOPE OF REPORT. This Report is confined to reporting on the discovery, or non-discovery, of infestation and/or damage caused by subterranean and dampwood termites (white ants), (hereinafter referred to as termites), present on the date of the Inspection. The Inspection did not cover any other pests and this Report does not comment on them. Dry wood termites (Family: KALOTERMITIDAE), borers of seasoned timber and wood decay fungi were excluded from the Inspection, but have been reported on if, in the course of the Inspection, any visual evidence of infestation happened to be found.

3. LIMITATIONS. Nothing contained in the Report implies that any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property being inspected by the Inspector on the date of the Inspection were not, or have not been, infested by termites. Accordingly this Report is not a guarantee that an infestation and/or damage do not exist in any inaccessible or partly inaccessible areas or sections of the property. Nor is it a guarantee that a future infestation of termites will not occur or be found. No inspection of any furnishings or household items was made. No warranty is applicable, as this is an inspection only.

4. DETERMINING EXTENT OF DAMAGE. This Report does not and cannot state the extent of damage. It is NOT a structural damage report. If any evidence of termite activity or damage is reported, then it must be assumed there may be some degree of concealed damage. Where evidence of activity and/or damage is reported in the roof void timbers then damage is likely to be present in concealed wall timbers. A qualified person such as a Builder, Engineer, Architect or other qualified expert in the building trade should be asked to determine the full extent of the damage, if any, and the extent of repairs that may be required. This firm is not responsible for the repair of any damage whether disclosed or not.

5. POSSIBLE HIDDEN DAMAGE. If termite activity and/or damage are found, within the Structures OR the grounds of the property, then damage may exist in concealed areas, e.g. framing timbers.

6. INVASIVE INSPECTION. An invasive inspection is strongly recommended in this case. Damage

may only be found when wall linings, cladding or insulation are removed to reveal previously concealed timbers.

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

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

ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. Brief Description of the Structure Inspected

Building Type

Free Standing Domestic House

Height

Single Storey

Floor

The floor is of a concrete Slab on Ground

Walls

Full Brick

Roof

Pitched Tile

Fences

Fibrous Sheeting

Out Buildings

Shed,

1.1 Brief Description of Areas Inspected

NOTE

Only structures, fences, trees etc within 50 m of the building but within the boundary of the property were inspected. If a building or part of a building, is constructed on a concrete slab it is always more susceptible to concealed termite entry.

The areas inspected were

Exterior

Fences

Garage

Grounds

Interior

Outbuildings

Roof Void

Was Insulation present in the roof?

Yes

Where insulation is present in the roof void it is recommended it be moved or removed and an inspection be carried out to the wall top plate timbers and other roofing timbers covered by the insulation. This invasive inspection will not be performed unless a separate contract is entered into.

1.3 High Risk Areas where access should be gained-

The following further inspections are recommended

Furnished properties: Where a property is furnished at the time of the inspection the furnishings and stored goods may be concealing evidence of Timber Pest Activity. This evidence may only be revealed when the property is vacated. A further inspection of the vacant property is strongly recommended in this case.

High Risk Area Access

High Risk Area(s) to which Access should be gained, or fully gained, since they may show evidence of termites or damage.

Was the property furnished at the time of inspection?

Yes

Where a property is furnished at the time of the inspection then you must understand that the furnishings and stored goods may be concealing evidence of termite activity and/or damage. This evidence may only be revealed when the furnishings and stored goods are moved. In this case a further inspection of the property is strongly recommended.

TERMITE FINDINGS

2. Subterranean Termites

2.1 Were Active or Live Termites Found

No. Of the visible and accessible areas inspected, there were no visible termites found at the time of the inspection.

VERY IMPORTANT

If no evidence of termites was found at this inspection be aware that at the initial stages of a termite attack there is often no evidence that an attack has commenced, such evidence may only become apparent sometime after the attack has commenced. As the inspection can only report details of what was found on the day of the inspection, we strongly recommend that if you find evidence of new termite workings or damage prior to the next recommended Inspection you should contact our company immediately.

VERY IMPORTANT: Where any termite activity or damage is noted you must realise that further termite damage may be present in concealed areas. A building expert should determine the full extent of damage See Clauses 3, 4 &5 on Page 1.

Extent Of Damage

IMPORTANT: If no live termites were noted above but visual evidence of termite workings and/or damage or any other signs of termites are reported then there may be active termites in concealed areas. Termites may still be active in the immediate vicinity and may return to cause further damage. In most cases it may not be possible without the benefit of further investigation and subsequent inspections to ascertain whether an infestation is active or inactive. Active termites may simply have not been present at the time of inspection due to a prior disturbance, climatic conditions, or they may have been utilising an alternative feeding source. Continued, regular, inspections are essential. Unless written evidence of an appropriate termite management program that accords with AS 3660 Termite Management is provided, a treatment must always be considered to reduce the risk of further attack.

2.2 Termite Nests

Was a Termite Nest Found ?

No termite nests found at time of inspection.

Where a termite nest is located on or near the property, the risk of termite infestation is increased.

2.3 Subterranean Termite Damage or workings

Any workings or damage found?

No. Of the visible and accessible areas inspected, no termite working or timber damage found at the time of the inspection.

If no evidence of termites was found at this inspection be aware that at the initial stages of a termite attack there is often no evidence that an attack has commenced, such evidence may only become apparent sometime after the attack has commenced. As the inspection can only report details of what was found on the day of the inspection, we strongly recommend that if you find evidence of new termite workings or damage prior to the next recommended Inspection you should contact our company immediately.

VERY IMPORTANT: Where any termite activity or damage is noted you must realise that further termite damage may be present in concealed areas. A building expert should determine the full extent of damage See Clauses 3, 4 &5 on Page 1.

Was any evidence of timber damage visible

IMPORTANT: If no live termites were noted above but visual evidence of termite workings and/or damage or any other signs of termites are reported then there may be active termites in concealed areas. Termites may still be active in the immediate vicinity and may return to cause further damage. In most cases it may not be possible without the benefit of further investigation and subsequent inspections to ascertain whether an infestation is active or inactive. Active termites may simply have not been present at the time of inspection due to a prior disturbance, climatic conditions, or they may have been utilising an alternative feeding source. Continued, regular, inspections are essential. Unless written evidence of an appropriate termite management program that accords with AS 3660 Termite Management is provided, a treatment must always be considered to reduce the risk of further attack.

2.4 Any Evidence of a Previous Termite Treatment -

Any Evidence of previous Treatments Found -

No, there was no visible evidence or a previous termite treatment was located at the property.

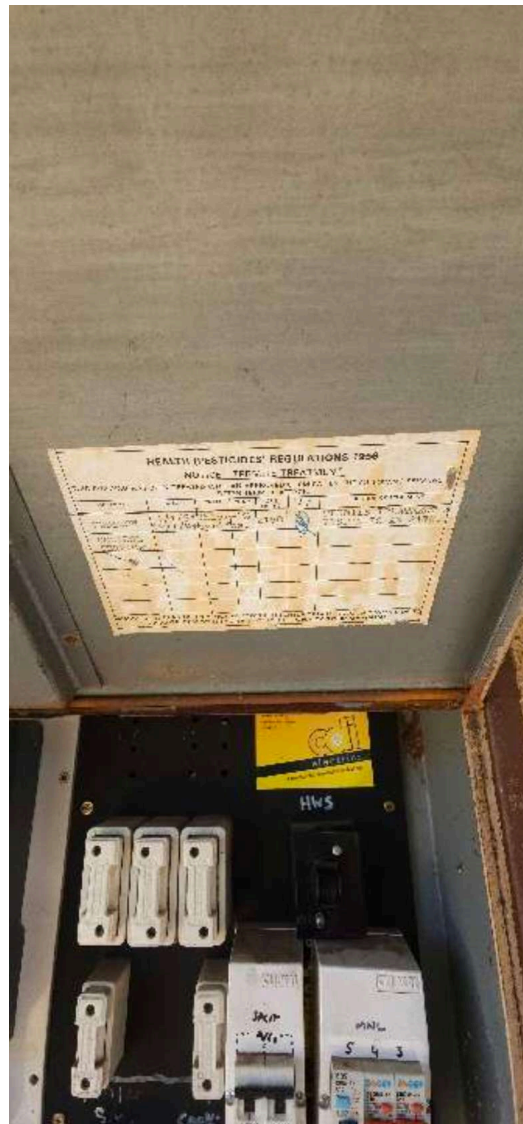
Warning

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

2.5 Durable Notice

Was a Treatment Notice Found?

A durable sign was located. It indicates a previous treatment was carried out.



Location Of Durable Sign

Meter Box

Type Of Treatment

The treatment indicated is a chemical treated zone.

This firm can give no assurances with regard to work that may have been previously performed by other firms.

2.6 Timber Fungal Decay - Rot

Evidence of Wood Decay Fungi -Rot -

No

Wood decay fungi are conducive to subterranean termites. You should consult a builder or other building expert to find out what must be carried out to prevent further decay (repairing of drainage, leaks and/or sealing the timber) and to repair the damage.

CONDUCTIVE CONDITIONS

3. Conductive Conditions to Timber Pests

Water leaks -

No visible pipe leaking found at time of inspection.

Please Note

Water leaks, especially in or into the sub-floor or against the external walls ie: Leaking taps, hot water heaters, water tanks or down pipes and or guttering, increases the likelihood of termite attack. Leaking showers or leaks from other "wet areas also increase the likelihood of concealed termite attack. These conditions are also conducive to borer activity and wood decay.

If any leaks were reported then you must have a plumber or other building expert to determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs.

5.1 Hot Water Unit Overflow

Please Note

Hot water services and air conditioning units which release water alongside or near to building walls need to be connected to a drain (if this is not possible then their water outlet needs to be piped several meters away from the building) as the resulting wet area is highly conducive to termites.

Water tanks should not leak and the overflow should be adequately connected to storm water. A plumber should be engaged if the water tank overflow is not connected to storm water.

Was the overflow sufficiently drained -

Not applicable to this type of hot water system

5.2 Moisture Readings

Was there any Excessive Moisture Readings -

At the time of the inspection, our electronic moisture meter readings were normal.

Please Note

High moisture readings can be caused by any one of the following: Poor ventilation, ineffective drainage, leaking pipes, leaking roofs, defective flashing or by concealed termite activity. The areas of high moisture should be investigated by way of an invasive inspection. If high moisture was reported then you must have a building expert investigate the moisture and its cause and determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs.

Equipment Of Moisture detection used

Tramex Encounter Moisture Meter

If high moisture was reported then you must have a building expert investigate the moisture and its cause and determine the full extent of damage and the estimated cost of repairs.

5.3 Sub Floor Ventilation

Sub Floor Ventilation is Generally -

Not applicable - Slab footing construction.

5.4 Slab Edge Exposure

Is the Slab Edge adequately Exposed -

Slab Edge Exposure: Where external concrete slab edges are not exposed there is a high risk of concealed termite entry. In some building built since July 1995 the edge of the slab forms part of the termite shield system. In these buildings an inspection zone of at least 75mm should be maintained to permit detection of termite entry. The edge should not be concealed by render, tiles, cladding, flashings, adjoining structures, paving, soil, turf or landscaping etc. Where this is the case you should arrange to have the slab edge exposed for inspection. Concealed termite entry may already be taking place but could not be detected at the time of this inspection. This may have resulted in concealed timber damage.

Not applicable

Note: A very high proportion of termite attacks are over the edge of both infill and other concrete slab types. Covering the edge of a concrete slab makes concealed termite entry easy. Infill slab type construction has an even higher risk of concealed termite ingress as the slab edge is concealed due to the construction design and cannot be exposed. The type of slab may only be determined by the assessment of the construction plans by a qualified person e.g. Builder or Architect. Construction plans may be obtainable from your local Council or Builder. Termite activity or damage may be present in concealed timbers of the building. We strongly recommend frequent regular termite or timber pest inspections in accordance with AS 3660.2 or AS 4349.3-2010.

Where the slab edge cannot be determined then we strongly recommend termite or timber pest inspections every 3-6 months in accordance with AS 3660.2 or AS 4349.3-2010.

Infill Slabs: A slab on the ground cast between walls. Other slabs should be in accordance with AS 2870-2011 and/or AS 3660.1-2000 and for more information you should ask a builder.

6. Ant Capping and Termite Shields

The Termite Shields Appear to Be -

Not applicable

Please Note

Termite shields (ant caps) should be in good order and condition so termite workings are exposed and visible. This helps stop termites gaining undetected entry. Joins in the shielding should have been soldered during the installation. Whenever it is observed that the joins in the shielding have not been soldered then the shielding must be reported as inadequate. It may be possible for a builder to repair the shielding. If not, a chemical treated zone may need to be installed to deter termites from gaining concealed access to the building. Missing, damaged or poor shields increase the risk of termite infestation. If considered inadequate a builder or other building expert should be consulted. Other physical shield systems are not visible to inspection and no comment is made on such systems.

7. Areas Found Conducive To Termite Infestation -

Conducive Areas Requiring Amendments -

Timber stumps in contact with ground in sub floor. This provides conducive and concealed conditions for termite infestation. The degree of risk is high. Replace with non-susceptible material.

Old tree stumps are located throughout the site. These need to be removed, as they are conducive conditions for a termite nest. The degree of risk is moderate to high.

Tree/leafy environment: The house is located in a suburb which is high risk due to the environmental surrounds. It is close to large gum trees and parkland. The degree of risk is moderate to high and therefore a termite management plan/treatment is strongly advised.

8. Environmental Conditions

Are Trees Close to Home -

Trees are in close proximity to the dwelling and within the termite foraging area. These are a favorable influence for termite infestation and i recommend you liaise with the neighbours to have regularly checked and if in your site, organise regular inspections for termite infestation.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

10. Overall Assessment of Property

Please Note

Where or if there has been evidence of live termites or termite damage or termite workings (mudding) found in the building(s) then the risk of a further attack is extremely high. Where evidence of live termites or termite damage or termite workings was found in the grounds but not in the buildings then the risk to buildings must be reported as high to extremely high.

Degree of Risk of Termite Infestation is -

The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation to this property appears to be extremely high - See notes below.

The overall degree of risk of timber pest infestation is a subjective assessment by the inspector at the time of the inspection taking into account many factors which include but are in no way limited to location and proximity to bush land and trees, the presence of evidence of timber pest damage or activity close to the inspected structure or within the inspected structure, conducive conditions that raise the potential of timber pest attack such as timbers in contact with soil, inaccessible areas, slab on ground construction etc, or other factors that in the inspectors opinion, raise the risk of future timber pest attack. It should be noted that even if a risk factor is high, this is not meant to deter a purchaser from purchasing the property, it is just to make them aware that increased vigilance is warranted and any recommendations regarding reducing conducive conditions or frequency of inspections should be headed by any property owner. Often, by reducing or eliminating some of the conducive conditions, the risk factor may be lowered.

11. Subterranean Termite Treatment Recommendation

Treatment Recommendation

A management program in accord with AS 3660-2000 to protect against subterranean termites is considered to be: ESSENTIAL

12. Future Inspections

Future Inspections

Future inspections: As 3660.2-2000 Recommends that inspections be carried out at intervals no greater than annually and where timber pest pressure is greater, this interval should be shortened. Inspections will not stop timber pest infestations; however, the damage which may be caused will be reduced when the infestation is found at an early stage.

Due to the degree of risk of subterranean termite infestation noted above and all other findings of this report, we strongly recommend that a full inspection and written report in accord with as 4349.3 Or as 3660.2-2000

Recommended Inspection Intervals

12 Months.

13. General Remarks

Please Read

You should read and understand the following important information. It will help explain what is involved in a termite inspection, the difficulties faced by a termite inspector and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is free of termites. It also details important information about what you can do to help protect your property from termites. This information forms an integral part

of the report. If you do not understand any part of this report then please ask the Inspector to explain.

IMPORTANT

This report is provided solely for the benefit of the person/s named in this report or their client. Any third parties relying on this report either wholly or in part do so at their own risk. We accept no liability whatsoever to any third party relying on this report.

Filled areas, areas with less than 400 mm clearance, damp areas, leaking pipes, form work timbers, scrap timber, tree stumps etc. either in the subfloor or adjoining, or close to the building are conducive to termite infestation. All leaks or drainage problems must be repaired. All form work, scrap and/or stumps must be removed from under and/or around the building/s. Rubbish should be removed from the subfloor areas to allow access for inspection. Items susceptible to termites, such as cardboard boxes, timber, firewood etc., should not be stored on the ground in the subfloor area.

This is an inspection only. No treatment or replenishment of any existing termite management system has taken place. Termites may still enter the buildings or other structures at any time. You acknowledge this fact and agree that this company is not liable for any termite entry, or for any damage that may result. Modern termiticides are designed to degrade. This means the length of life of these chemical treated zones is limited. It is important that the property is inspected at least annually.

REASONABLE ACCESS

Only areas to which reasonable access is available were inspected, AS 3660.2-2000 refers to AS 4349.3-2010 that defines reasonable access. Access will not be available where there are safety concerns, or obstructions, or the space available is less than the following:

ROOF VOID the dimensions of the access hole must be at least 450mm x 400mm, and, reachable by a 2.1M step ladder or 3.6M ladder, and, there is at least 600mm x 600mm of space to crawl;

ROOF EXTERIOR must be accessible by a 3.6M ladder placed on the ground;

SUBFLOOR Industry accepted dimensions are that the access hole must be at least 500mm x 400mm and, there is at least 400mm of space to crawl beneath the lowest bearer, or, 500mm beneath the lowest part of any concrete floor

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 heavy furniture or stored goods.

A MORE INVASIVE PHYSICAL INSPECTION IS AVAILABLE AND RECOMMENDED

As detailed above, there are many limitations to this visual inspection only. With the permission of the owner of the premises we WILL perform a more invasive physical inspection that involves moving or lifting: insulation, stored items, furniture or foliage during the inspection. We WILL physically touch, tap, test and when necessary force/gouge suspected accessible timbers. We WILL gain access to areas, where physically possible and considered practical and necessary, by way of cutting traps and access holes. This type of inspection is available by request. Several days notice may be required. Time taken for this type of inspection will be greater than for a VISUAL INSPECTION. It involves disruption in the case of an occupied property, and some permanent marking is likely.

CONCRETE SLAB HOMES

Homes constructed on concrete slabs present special problems with respect to termite attack. If concrete paths, patios, pavers, garden beds, lawns, foliage, etc. conceal the edge of the slab, then it is possible for termites to effect concealed entry into the property. They can then cause extensive damage to concealed framing timbers. Even the most experienced inspector may be unable to detect their presence due to concealment by wall linings. Only when the termites attack timbers in the roof void, which may in turn be concealed by insulation, can their presence be detected. Where termite damage is located in the roof it should be expected that concealed framing timbers will be extensively damaged. With a concrete slab home it is imperative that you expose the edge of the slab and ensure that foliage and garden beds do not cover the slab edge. Weep holes must be kept free of obstructions.

You should read and understand the following important information. It will help explain what is involved in a termite inspection, the difficulties faced by a termite inspector and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is free of termites. It also details important information about what you can do to help protect your property from termites. This information forms an integral part of the report. If you do not understand any part of this report then please ask the Inspector to explain.

SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES

No property is safe from termites! Termites are the cause of the greatest economic losses of timber in structures in Australia. Independent data compiled by State Forests shows 1 in every 5 homes is attacked by termites at some stage in its life, however CSIRO data indicates that it could be as high as 1 in 3. Australia's subterranean termite species (white ants) are the most destructive termites in the world. In fact it can take as little as 3 months for a termite colony to severely damage almost all the timber in a home.

How termites attack your home: The most destructive species live in large underground nests containing several million timber-destroying insects. The problem arises when a nest matures near your home. Your home provides natural shelter and a food source for the termites. The gallery system of a single colony may exploit food sources over as much as one hectare, with individual galleries extending up to 50 metres to enter your home, where there is a smorgasbord of timber to feast upon. Even concrete slabs do not act as a barrier; they can penetrate through cracks in the slab to gain access to your home. They even build mud tubes to gain access to above ground timbers. In rare cases termites may create their nest in the cavity wall of the property without making ground contact. In these cases it may be impossible to determine their presence until extensive timber damage occurs.

Termite damage: Once in contact with the timber they excavate it, often leaving only a thin veneer on the outside. If left undiscovered the economic species can cause many thousands of dollars damage and may cost two to five thousand dollars (or more) to treat.

Subterranean termite ecology: These termites are social insects usually living in underground nests. Nests may be in trees or in rare instances they may be in above ground areas within the property. They tunnel underground to enter the building and then remain hidden within the timber making it very difficult to locate them. Where timbers are concealed, as in most modern homes, it makes it even more difficult to locate their presence, especially if gardens have been built up around the home and termite management systems are either not in place or poorly maintained. Termites form nests in all sorts of locations and they are usually not visible. There may be more than one nest on a property. The diet of termites in the natural environment is the various hardwood and softwood species growing throughout Australia. These same timbers are used in buildings. Worker termites move out from their underground nest into surrounding areas where they obtain food and return to nurture the other casts of termites within the nest. Termites are extremely sensitive to temperature, humidity and light and hence cannot move over ground like most insects. They travel in mud-encrusted tunnels to the source of food. Detection of termites is usually by locating these mud tunnels rising from the ground into the affected structure. This takes an expert eye.

Termite Management Systems installed to AS3660-2000 help protect a building by forcing termites to show themselves. Termites can build mud tunnels around termite barriers to reach the timber above. The presence of termite tracks or leads does not necessarily mean that termites have entered the timber. A clear view of walls and piers and easy access to the sub-floor means that detection of termites should be fairly easy. However many styles of construction do not lend themselves to ready detection of termites. The design of some properties is such that they make the detection by a pest inspector difficult, if not impossible.

The tapping and probing of walls and internal timbers is an adjunct or additional means of detection of termites but is not as reliable as locating tracks. The use of a moisture meter is a useful aid for determining the presence of termites concealed behind thin wall panels, but it only detects high levels of activity. Damage and termite workings that have dried out will not be recorded. It may also provide false readings. Termite tracks may be present in the ceiling space

however some roofs of a low pitch and with the presence of sisalation, insulation, air conditioning ductwork and hot water services may prevent a full inspection of the timbers in these areas. Therefore since fool proof and absolute certain detection is not possible the use of termite management systems and regular inspections is a necessary step in protecting timbers from termite attack.

TIMBER DECAY FUNGI

The fruiting bodies of wood decay fungi vary in size, shape and colour. The type of fungi encountered by pest controllers usually resides in poorly ventilated subfloors, below wet areas of the home, exterior timbers and in areas that retain water in the soil. The durability and type of timbers are factors along with the temperature and environment. Removal of the moisture source usually alleviates the problem. Fungal decay is attractive to termites and if the problem is not rectified it may well lead to future termite attack.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There is no warranty given or implied as a result of the inspection or this report. The report can only give details of what was found on the day and at the time of the inspection. Termites can gain entry to the structures at any time. General remarks: A more thorough INVASIVE INSPECTION is available. Where any current visible evidence of termite activity is found it is strongly recommended that a more invasive inspection is performed.

Trees on the property have been visually inspected up to a height of 2m, where possible and practicable, for evidence of termite activity. It is very difficult, and generally impossible to locate termite nests since they are mainly underground and evidence in trees is usually well concealed. We therefore strongly recommend that you arrange to have trees test drilled for evidence of termite nests.

Important Maintenance Advice regarding Integrated Pest Management for Protecting against termites

Termites can attack any structure. Periodic maintenance should include measures to minimise possibilities of infestation in and around a property. Factors that may lead to infestation from termites include: -

Situations where the edge of the concrete slab is covered by soil or garden debris. Filled areas, areas with less than 400mm clearance.

Poor drainage, leaking pipes, damp areas, form-work timbers, scrap timber, tree stumps, mulch, tree branches touching the structure, wood rot and timber retaining walls. Note: Termites often build nest behind timber retaining walls.

Gardens, pathways or turf abutting or concealing the edge of a concrete slab will allow for concealed entry by termites.

All timber in contact with soil such as formwork, retaining walls, scrap timbers, firewood or stumps must be removed from under and around the buildings and any leaks or poor drainage repaired. You should endeavour to ensure such conditions DO NOT occur around your property.

We further advise that you engage a professional pest control firm to provide a suitable termite management program in accord with AS 3660 to minimise the risk of termite attack. There is no way of preventing termite attack. Even AS 3660 advises when a complete termite management system is installed in accordance with AS 3660.1-2000 for pre- construction termite work or 3660.2-2000 for post-construction termite work and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) product label directions are followed precisely, termites may still bridge the management system. However, if the label directions are followed and the Standard adhered to, and bridging occurs, evidence of the termite ingress will normally be evident to the inspector. Therefore regular inspections in line with the recommendations in this report are essential in addition to any suitable termite management system you install.

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

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES: Compensation will only be payable for losses arising in contract or tort sustained by the Client named on the front of this report. Any third parties acting or relying on this Report, in whole or in part, do so entirely at their own risk.

It is strongly recommended that a full Inspection and Report be carried out every 6 months.

Regular inspections DO NOT stop termite attack, but are designed to limit the amount of damage that may occur by detecting problems early.

AS 3660 and AS 4349.3 both recommend at least 12 monthly inspections but strongly advise more frequent inspections. Regular inspections DO NOT stop termite attack, but are designed to limit the amount of damage that may occur by detecting problems early.

Important: "If you become aware of any termite activity DO NOT disturb or treat the termites or their workings in anyway but contact our Company immediately. Home treatments do not work and will invalidate any warranty in place."

14. Reasonable Access

Access to Inspect

Access to inspect:

Only areas to which reasonable access is available were inspected. The Australian standard 4349.3 Defines reasonable access as areas where safe, unobstructed access is provided and the minimum clearances specified in the table below are available or, where these clearances are not available, areas within the consultants unobstructed line of sight and within arms 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 heavy furniture or stored goods.

A more invasive physical inspection is available and recommended.

As detailed above, there are many limitations to this visual inspection only. With the permission of the owner of the premises we will perform a more invasive physical inspection that involves moving or lifting: Insulation, stored items, furniture or foliage during the inspection. We will physically touch, tap, test and when necessary force/gouge suspected accessible timbers. We will gain access to areas, where physically possible and considered practical and necessary, by way of cutting traps and access holes. This style of report is available by ordering with several days notice. Inspection time for this style of report will be greater than for a visual inspection. It involves disruption in the case of an occupied property, and some permanent marking is likely. You must arrange for the written permission of the owner who must acknowledge all the above information and confirm that our firm will not be held liable for any damage caused to the property. Price is available on request.

The Inspection and Report was carried out by: Brian Collins

Contact the Inspector on: 0409280488

For and on Behalf of: INSPECTOR WEST

