

## Structural Certification Report



1 Sample Drive, Sampleville, 9999

Inspection prepared for: Client Name Real Estate Agent: -

Date of Inspection: 8/2/2016 Time: 09:00AM Weather: 29C Sunny

Inspector: Paul Antonelli





#### An Overview of the Property Inspection

A property Inspection is a non-invasive visual examination of a property, performed for a fee, which is designed to identify observed material defects within specific components of the property.† It is intended to assist in evaluation of the overall condition of the property. The inspection is based on observation of the visible and apparent condition of the structure and its components on the date of the inspection and not the†prediction of future conditions.

A property inspection will not reveal everytconcern that exists or ever could exist, but only those material defects observed on the day of the inspection. An Inspection report shall describe and identify in written format the inspected systems, structures, and components of the property and shall identify material defects observed. Inspection reports may contain recommendations regarding conditions reported or recommendations for correction, monitoring or further evaluation by professionals, but this is not required. Within the report you will find items in RED. These are items which have been flagged as deficient and require attention. For your safety and liability, we recommend that you hire only licensed contractors when having any work done.†Note: If there are no comments in RED below, there were no CRITICAL system or safety concerns with this property at the time of inspection.

Please carefully read your entire Inspection Report.† Call us after you have reviewed your report, so we can go over any questions you may have.† Remember, when the inspection is completed and the report is delivered, we are still available to you for any questions you may have, throughout the entire closing process. Properties being inspected do not "Pass" or "Fail.î - †The following report is based on an inspection of the visible portion of the structure.Important - Please Read Carefully

You will note in the report there is set of boxes next to each section with the following written options across the top: MAINT - PREV - MONIT - DEFR - DEFIC

These are the definitions of these terms which may be selected:

MAINT - MAINTENANCE: A system or component requiring maintenance appears to be functioning as intended, but would benefit from minor repair, service, maintenance or improvement at this time. This may include patching, painting, cleaning, or in some instances a system service by an appropriate specialist.

PREV - PREVENTATIVE: Any improvement to an area, system, component or condition that would help prevent an issue from occuring in the future.

MONIT - MONITOR: An area, condition, system or component that is in need of monitoring appears to be functioning as intended and capable of safe usage in its present condition; however, the inspector's suggests evaluation in the future which would confirm if further action is required.

DEFR - DEFERRED: An area, system, component or condition that is listed as deferred is one that could not be operated or inspected for the reason stated in the report, and may require further evaluation. These may also be items outside our standard of practice, inaccessible or not functional. If required deferred items should be checked prior to settlement during the pre-settlement inspection.

DEFIC - DEFICIENT: A system or component marked as deficient is one that did not respond to user controls, was not able to be safely used, was not functioning as intended, or was otherwise defective. These may be items that are incomplete or have imperfections and with further evaluation these items may (or may not) be found to be material defects. Your inspector does NOT prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another. General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing parts, and unsuitable installation.



### Items Requiring Attention - Summary

The summary below consists of significant findings and defects. The summary is not a complete listing of all the findings in the report, and reflects the opinion of the inspector. Please review all of the pages of the report as the summary alone does not explain all the issues. Any items within the report marked as deferred in the category box, we were either unable to inspect or are not items that we inspect as part of our inspection process.

If there are no items listed below, it indicates that there are no items which require attention.

Interior Areas							
Page 10 Item: 3	Smoke Alarms	• The smoke detector in the entry is damaged resulting in the detector not engaging with the base plate and the hard wired power supply. This detector requires replacement.					



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**Pre-Purchase Inspection:** Are you buying a new home? Our pre-purchase building and timber pest inspections will provide you with total peace of mind.

**Safety Barrier and Pool Condition Inspection:** Effective pool fencing also helps keeps young children safe. This is why pool safety laws are in existence. There are a number of aspects of a swimming pool that require regular attention to ensure they are safe places for all swimmers.

**Timber Pest Inspection:** A property is normally the largest investment people make in their lifetime, therefore it is important to protect your house (or the house you are about to buy) against timber pests by conducting regular bi-annual or annual inspections.

**Retrospective Approval:** Quite often additions or modification to a home or building need approval retrospectively nmeaning AFTER they have been built.

Handover Defects Inspection - (PCI): Make sure that you are getting what you paid for your new home. This is a detailed inspection undertaken on your new home build before you make your final payment.

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Owner Builder Warranty Inspection: This is when a owner builder wishes to sell their home and builder warranty insurance is required. The insurance company requires a defects report which is what we provide.

**Termite Traps - DIY Termite Baiting System:** This is a "do it yourself" termite control system - which is generally less than a third of the cost of others systems in the market place. This system will help prevent termites from attacking your home and also treat termite activity.





## Inspector

## 1. Your Inspector

Inspector Name

**Contact Information:** 

Email: inspector@resicert.com

Mobile: 0408 000 000

## Inspection Type

## 1. Inspection Type

- Basic Structural Certification Inspection
- Pre-purchase Inspection

## **Property Information**

### 1. Structure Style

- Detached
- Single Family Home
- Single Storey Home

#### 2. Property Comments

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Observations:

• A gas fired heater was noted. This was not tested as part of the inspection process and should be checked at the final pre-settlement inspection.



## 3. Structure Type

Materials:

Brick and Metal

## **Inspection Details**



#### 1. Attendance

In Attendance:

Client not present

#### 2. Occupancy

Occupancy:

Vacant - Unfurnished

## 3. Inspected Components

Inspected Items:

- A visual inspection was carried out on the following structural and electrical components. Unless discussed in the report, the inspected items are in a functional and satisfactory structural condition.
- Foundation Structure
- Internal Wall Structure
- External Wall Structure
- Ceiling StructureRoof Structure
- Roof Covering
- Residual Current Devices (RCD's)
- Smoke Detectors
- Note: Observations based on visual inspection only. Areas that were not visible to the inspector at the time of the inspection, (for example - ceiling structure due to insulation covering) are excluded from this report.



#### 4. Limitations

#### Deferred:

- 1. We are not appropriately qualified to provide you with information in regards to rodents and timber pests or the possibility of hidden damage or health hazards caused by their presence. We recommend the property is inspected for these conditions by a licensed pest inspector in accordance with the latest revision of AS 4349.3. Reporting of mould is limited to the identification of the presence of mould in areas where it is apparent at the time of the inspection. Identification of strains/classifications/types of mould is not possible without sample testing and is excluded from this report.
- 2. Entering roof spaces that are heavily insulated can cause damage to the insulation and framing. Roof spaces with deep insulation cannot be safely inspected due to limited visibility of the framing members upon which the inspector must walk. In such cases, the roof space is only partially accessed, thereby limiting the review of the attic from the hatch area only. Inspectors will not crawl the roof space when they believe it is a danger to them or that they might damage the insulation or framing. There is a limited review of the roof space viewed from the hatch only in these circumstances. Due to the location and restricted visibility of roof structure tie-down fixings we cannot confirm compliance with AS1684.
- 3. The roof covering will not be walked upon if in the opinion of the inspector it is not safe to do so. Generally issues that prevent roof access include, access height over 3 metres, steep pitch, wet/slippery surfaces, deteriorated covering. Not being able to walk on the roof significantly limits our inspection which can result in hidden defects going undetected.
- 4. Any comments relating to asbestos in the property is not exhaustive or conclusive. This is limited as part of our normal inspection process. If you require a comprehensive assessment we recommend that you engage a appropriately qualified specialist contractor.
- 5. Where a current electrical safety certificate is required, this report does not satisfy or remove the need for that requirement. 09-2013

## Structural Summary

## 1. Rectification Maint PREV MONIT DEFR DEFIC As requested, I have conducted a visual structural inspection of the property. The inspection and this report has been undertaken in accordance with the Resicert

Inspection Agreement.

Generally, this property appears to be in satisfactory structural condition.

## **Foundations**

# 1. Slab Foundation MAINT PREV MONIT DEFR DEFIC Visible sections of the concrete slab appeared satisfactory. • Most areas of the concrete slab not visible due to floor coverings.

 All concrete floor slabs experience some degree of cracking due to shrinkage in the drying process. In most instances floor coverings prevent recognition of cracks or settlement in all but the most severe cases. Where carpeting and other floor coverings are installed, the materials and condition of the flooring underneath cannot be determined.



## Structural Components

#### 1. Wall Structure Comments

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- The wall structure components appeared functional.
  The external walls of the home are of a double brick construction, which contains an internal cavity.

## 2. Ceiling Structure

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Observations:

- The ceiling structure appeared functional unless where noted.
- Due to the placement of insulation on the top of the ceilings it is not possible to fully inspect the condition of the ceiling structure and supports. Inspection was limited and based on what was visually accessible at the time of the inspection.

## Internal Roof Space

#### 1. Insulation Condition

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Materials:

- Polyester batt insulation noted in the accessible ceiling space. Depth:
- Insulation averages about 150mm in depth





## Roof

#### 1. Roof Structure

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The timber roof structure appears sound.







## 2. Roof Condition

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Comments:

Roof was walked upon for the inspection

Materials:

• Colourbond iron sheeting.

Observations:

• The metal roof covering appears to be in satisfactory condition other than noted.





## **External Structures**

#### 1. Observations

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The attached patio structure appears to be structurally sound.
The attached garage appears structurally sound.







## **Interior Areas**

#### 1. Interior Wall Condition

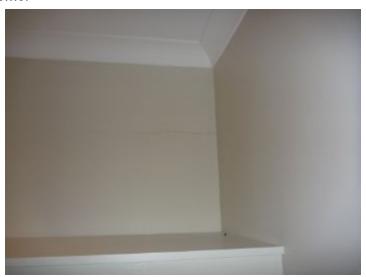
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Materials:

• Plastered walls noted which appeared functional.

Observations:

• Due to normal minor differential movement within the property or foundations, small cracks have appeared at various locations around the property and can be repaired normally. They do not appear to have affected the structural integrity of the home.



## 2. Ceiling Condition

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Materials:

- There are gyprock ceilings in the home which appear functional. Observations:
- There is minor cracking which has occurred at the interface between the ceiling cornice and the wall at various locations. This can be a result of foundation settlement and/or movement in the roof structure. This does not appear to have affected the structural integrity of the home and can be repaired normally.





#### 3. Smoke Alarms

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Observations:

- Testing of smoke detectors is not included in this inspection. Pushing the "Test" button only verifies that there is power at the detector-either a battery or hard wired to the house power--and not the operational workings of the detector. The operational check is done by filling the sensor with smoke and is beyond the scope of this inspection. Battery operated smoke alarms should be checked routinely and the batteries changed frequently.

  • Hard wired smoke alarms installed in the bedroom hallway and the entry.
- Recommend smoke alarm replacement by: 2017
- The smoke detector in the entry is damaged resulting in the detector not engaging with the base plate and the hard wired power supply. This detector requires replacement.











## Electrical

## 1. Electrical Panel

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Location:

- Main Location:
- South side of the house.

Observations:

• There are at least 2 RCD's installed which protect both the powerpoint and light circuits. This complies with current regulatory requirements.



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## Thank You

Thank you for the opportunity to undertake this inspection for you.

We value your comments and suggestions as well as any positive feedback. Feel free to refer us to any friends or family that would benefit from our services.



We can assure you that they would receive the highest level of service and attention.

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you once again.

Yours Sincerely,



Daniel McCullen Licensed Property and Pest Inspector License #8224 www.resicert.com

## Thank you

#### Resicert Inspection and Service Agreement - June 2015

- 1.0 Acceptance of Agreement: The Client has made a booking, accepted the quotation and the inspector arrives on site to commence the inspection, the Client is deemed to accept this agreement as to the basis of the inspection being undertaken. This agreement takes precedence over any previous oral or written representations by Resicert.
- 2.0 Payment Terms: Full payment of the inspection is required prior to the inspection report and summary being provided to the Client.
- 3.0 Purpose of Inspection: The purpose of the inspection is to provide advice to the Client in relation to the condition of the property at the time of the inspection. This report is not an all encompassing report dealing with the building from every aspect. It is a reasonable attempt to identify any obvious or significant defects apparent at the time of the inspection.
- 4.0 Scope of Inspection: Scope of inspection will depend on the inspection type which the Client has selected. Pre-purchase inspections are undertaken in accordance with AS 4349.1 2007 Inspection of buildings Part 1: Pre-purchase inspectionsó Residential buildings unless otherwise stated below.
- 4.1 Basic and Standard Inspections: The inspection shall comprise visual appraisal and limited assessment of accessible areas of the

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property to identify major defects to the building structure and to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the structure of the property.

It is not required to contain any assessment or an opinion regarding the following:

- -Any non-structural element, e.g., roof plumbing and roof covering, general gas, water an sanitary plumbing, electrical wiring, partition walls, cabinetry, windows, doors, trims, fencing, minor structures, non-structural damp issues, ceiling linings, floor coverings, decorative finishes such as plastering, painting, tiling, etc.-An assessment of any aspect or component of the property that cannot be seen or that requires testing and/or measurement to determine soundness.-Any area or item that was not, or could not be, observed by the inspector.-General maintenance other than that which is deemed to be directly related to the ongoing structural performance of the property.-Serviceability damp defects such as condensation, rising damp, lateral damp, falling damp should only be assessed and reported on where structural damage has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.
- 4.2 Plus Inspection: Resicert shall inspect accessible parts of the building and appurtenances, together with relevant features of the property within 30m of the building and within the boundaries of the site, or as otherwise agreed in the inspection agreement. In this context, relevant features include car accommodation, detached laundry, and garden sheds, retaining walls more than 700 mm high, paths and driveways, steps, fencing, earth embankments, surface water drainage and storm water run-off.
- 4.3 Ultimate Inspection Service: Inspector has the right not to test or inspect any component if he believes that through operation or testing it may cause damage or is a potential safety issue.-Require permission, necessary access and any required components to operate or inspect items as outlined for this inspection -Unless otherwise advised we will assume that all components can be operated and will not be damaged when doing so. No liability relating to operating a component during the inspection. -Require applicable operational manual and/or instructions relating to the inspection of any component. -If we are required to start up or turn on any component, it will be necessary to have required start up information. Otherwise we reserve the right not to operate. -For any components that involve water our inspection does not include testing the water quality and content -For pools and spas (excluding bath type spas located in bathrooms) to be tested they must have water to the minimum level prior to the inspection commencing. For gas bayonets testing is limited to operational of a connected gas appliance. No testing on unused bayonets will be carried out. -Wood fires and fire heating systems are not tested as part of the inspection. This is limited to inspection of the components. -In relation to reticulation systems we test the operation by do not inspect any bores which may be present, zoning systems or water sensor systems -Presence of any asbestos is based on the opinion of the inspector and if confirmation is required this will require laboratory testing by the client. -Any discussions relating to changes to the building structure are subject to client confirmation by a qualified professional or tradesperson. -For all components a visual inspection is undertaken at the time of the inspection and does not offer a warranty or opinion in relation to future condition or functionality. -Testing of components may not include all modes and options available. -Testing of intercom systems can only be tested without the presence of a another party to assist.
- 4.4 Safety Barrier and Pool Condition Inspection as an add-on or stand alone): Inspection is completed in accordance with the Western Australian Private Swimming Pool Inspector Guidelines Inspecting Private Swimming Pool &Spa Enclosures Second edition ñ24 / 07 / 2007 Inspector has the right not to test or inspect any component if they believe that through operation or testing it may cause damage or is a potential safety issue. -Require permission, necessary access and any required components to operate or inspect items as outlined for this inspection -Unless otherwise advised we will assume that all components can be operated and will not be damaged when doing so. No liability relating to operating a component during the inspection. -Require applicable operational manual and/or instructions relating to the inspection of any component. -If we are required to start up or turn on any component, it will be necessary to have required start up information. Otherwise we reserve the right not to operate. -information contained in the



Safety Barrier and Pool Condition Report (as an add-on or a stand alone) is an information document only and will articulate potential issues that are likely to be flagged as deficient by council in the process of achieving required certification for the pool. It is not always possible to operate pumps. For pools and spas (excluding bath type spas located in bathrooms) to be tested must have a minimum level of water prior to commencement of inspection. Resicert is not an agent or government authority according to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 (WA) Part VIII, section 245A and therefore cannot issue a certificate of local compliance, nor issue fines or infringement notices for non-compliance. The report is for information only and will not be reported to a local authority or council. In this way, Resicert accepts no liability for any subsequent drownings or accidents resulting in death or injury that may result from the advise provided in the Safety Barrier and Pool Condition Report. The Recommendations made in the report are for information only and Resicert will not seek compliance on behalf of any third party.

- 5.0 Extent of Reporting: Significant items to be reported are as follows:(a) Major defects as defined in AS 4349.1.(b) A general impression regarding the extent of minor defects. (c) Any major defect that is an urgent and a serious safety hazard.
- 6.0 Safe and Reasonable Access: This is a visual inspection only. 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 inspection. The inspector shall also determine whether sufficient space is available to allow safe access. This will apply to roof spaces and underfloor 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. Roof inspection by walking upon the roof will be limited to single storey dwellings which are safely accessible with the use of a 3.6 metre ladder, and only when the slope, roof condition and climate do not reduce safety.
- 7.0 Exclusions from Inspection: Resicert need not inspect or report on the following items:Footings below the ground or concealed damp-proof course the structural design or adequacy of any element of construction.- Electrical installations, smoke detectors, light switches and fittings, TV, sound and communications- Concealed plumbing, gas fittings and fixtures.- Whether the building complies with the provisions of any building Act, code, regulation(s) or by-laws. Air-conditioning, alarm and intercom systems, automatic garage door mechanisms.- Swimming pools, pool fencing and associated filtration and similar equipment.- The operation of fireplaces and solid fuel heaters, including chimneys and flues.- Soft floor coverings.- Electrical appliances including dishwashers, incinerators, ovens, ducted vacuum- Paint coatings, except external protective coatings.- Health hazards (e.g., allergies, soil toxicity, lead content, presence of asbestos).- Timber and metal framing sizes and adequacy and concealed tie-downs and bracing.- Timber pest activity.- Other mechanical or electrical equipment (such as gates, inclinators).- Soil conditions and control joints.- Sustainable development provisions.- Concealed framing-timbers or any areas concealed by wall linings/sidings.- Landscaping.
- 8.0 Liability and Limitations: The Resicert report does not constitute a guarantee in relation to the property. It is a limited opinion of condition of the inspected property at the time of inspection. Resicert's liability in relation to the inspection and report will be limited to a refund of the inspection fee. The inspection and report is undertaken for the Client named on the report. No responsibility is accepted to any third party.
- 9.0 Money Back Guarantee: If the client is not fully satisfied with the building inspection and/or building inspection report provided, Resicert will refund 100% of the building inspection fee to the client. This will require the client to complete the request for a refund application form and agree to the conditions there-in stated prior to a refund. This guarantee only applies for a period of 60 days from the date of the inspection. After this period it is at the full discretion of Resicert whether a request for a refund will be approved.
- 10.0 Follow up inspections: The initial fee does not allow for any follow up visits, if required, to the residence. A quote to undertake this activity will be provided if necessary.



11.0 Estimates Provided: Any estimates or budgets provided relating to work required to be undertaken is purely to provide an indication of approximate costings. The figures provided are not a quotation or estimate to carry out any works and can not be relied upon for this purpose. All estimates and budgets which are provided are done so only on this basis, and no liability, with the client or any third party, whatsoever will be accepted in relation to budgets and estimates provided, unless otherwise stated.

12.0 Probable Costings: Any probable costings outlined represent an opinion of renovation costs only which can vary considerably depending on range of factors including but not limited to:

-Type and standard of materials, fittings and fixtures chosen.-Level of client involvement and engagement required-Construction method and process chosen-Overall timings and duration of works undertaken -Fluctuations in building materials and labour costs-Scale and extent of the renovation project -When the renovation project is undertaken -Location of the works and site conditions

The probable costings provided is based on standard rates for previous projects and is not an elemental or detailed estimate. A detailed estimate of this nature can be provided by a Quantity Surveyor or through obtaining quotations from appropriate suppliers and tradesman.

13.0 Approvals for access to property: The Client represents and assures Resicert that the Client has secured all approvals necessary for entry onto the premises to be inspected. Client further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Resicert from demands or claims alleging a trespass upon the premises to be inspected. It is the responsibility of the Client or Agent to ensure the utilities are on at the time of inspection. Resicert recommends checking for permits on all additional construction performed on the property after the original construction.

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17.0 Not a Compliance Report (For reports within ACT): This is not a compliance report strictly in accordance with civil law (Sale of



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