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Building Inspection Agreement

Note: It is a requirement of AS 4349.1 – 2007 that an agreement be entered into prior to a building inspection.

Client: _____

Your postal address: _____

State: _____ Post Code: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Re property to be inspected at: _____

Is there an agent: **Yes** **No** (Please circle) Name of the agency: _____

Agency Address: _____

Contact for access: _____ Phone: _____

Type of inspection required: Pre Purchase Building Inspection.

Do you require Quality Building Inspections to arrange a Pre purchase timber pest inspection? **Yes No** (Please circle)

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. A copy of the appropriate Standard with Appendices may be obtained from Quality Building Inspections at Your cost by phoning (02) 4659 6571 or by email to qualbuild.com or from Standards Australia.

Upon receipt of the white copy, We will carry out the inspection and report ordered by You in accordance with this agreement and You agree to pay for the inspection and the report on 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 the prospective purchaser regarding the condition of the property at the date and time of inspection to assist with purchasing decisions. 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 of the building, the exterior of the building, the roof surface, the site, the roof cavity and the sub floor.
4. The client is responsible to arrange access to all parts of the property in accordance with Clause 2.3.2 AS4349.1-2007. Where the inspector is required to return to site to carry out further inspection of a previously concealed area, this shall be done so at further cost to the client.
5. 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.
6. 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

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The Inspection WILL NOT look for or report on Timber Pest Activity. You should have an inspection carried out in accordance with AS 4349.3-1998 Timber Pest Inspections, by a fully qualified, licensed and insured Timber Pest Inspector.
13. If Timber Pest Damage is found then it will be reported. The inspector will only report on the damage which is visible.
14. 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.

With regard to lead based paints, it must be assumed that any building constructed prior to 1970, does contain lead in the paint. Creosote is readily identifiable by its dark colour. Creosote is applied to timber to prevent possible decay and assist as a deterrent to timber pest attack. This product has been identified by health authorities as a possible cancer causing agent in certain states. As these products have been recognised as possible health risks, it is noted that strict guidelines are required by Work Cover in reference to the working with and/or removal of asbestos related products and lead based paints. It is strongly recommended that further information be obtained from the Work Cover NSW (131 555) before any work is undertaken involving these materials. Information should also be obtained from the Department of Health NSW (02 9391 9000) with regard to the health implications of these products while in a dormant state.

15. **MOULD (MILDEW) AND NON-WOOD DECAY FUNGI DISCLAIMER:** No inspection or report will be made for Mould (Mildew) and non-wood decay fungi.
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:
- Obtain a statement from the owner as to
 - any Timber Pest activity or damage;
 - timber repairs or other repairs
 - 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 Copyright RAPID Solutions Series2 - Version: 0208
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. These items include concealed issues and matters outside the expertise of the inspector.

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 defects that may not be apparent due to the lack of occupation prior to the date of the inspection or any defects which may not be apparent due to prevailing weather conditions at the time of the inspection. Such defects may not be apparent due to lack of use or the prevailing weather conditions may only be apparent after occupation or other 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 fourteen (14) days from the service of the written notice then either party may refer the dispute or claim to an independent mediator. 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. However, We may sell the Report to any other Person although there is no obligation for Us to do so.

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

Client or Applicant 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)

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

Inspector means the person or organisation 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 or significant 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. A major defect may also include a matter that requires urgent rectification or substantial works to rectify.

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

Area Access hole Crawl space Height

Roof interior 400mm x 500mm Crawl space: 600mm x 600mm Accessible from a 3.6m ladder.

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

Sub Floor where considered safe to do so.

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.

It is the responsibility of the client to ensure all accessible areas are open to allow physical access by the inspector.

Our/Us/We means the company, partnership or individual named below 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. 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 prior to the inspection.

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.

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

Are there Special Requirements/Conditions requested by the Client/Client's Representative regarding the Inspection and Report: **Yes** **No** (Please circle) _____

Cost of the Report including any requested Special Requirements/Conditions: \$ _____ (Call for price)

Payment is required upon order. Payment is accepted via credit card (No Amex) or direct deposit.

I wish to pay by Credit Card: **Yes** **No** (Please circle)

If yes, either contact our office with details or

Please charge my: Visa () Mastercard () Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

CVN: (last 3 numbers on the back of your card) ____ Card holders Signature: _____

I wish to pay by Electronic Transfer or Direct deposit: **Yes** **No** (Please circle)

(Please forward a copy of the receipt) Please use the agreement number as a reference for the payment.

Bank details: St George Bank; BSB: 112-879; Account: 002404711

Clients Authorization:

Name:

Signature: on this the day of

Signed for and on behalf of **Quality Building Inspections** by **Wayne Flynn**

Signature: Wayne Flynn on this the ...Day of month & year

Return by email or fax to 02 4659 7081