

# **APBI**

**Building Inspection Report** 

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# 1. Description of property

# Brief description of the building and other structures on the property:

Type:	Domestic	Townhouse
Bedrooms:	2	
Bathrooms:	1	
Ensuites:	-	
Car Park:	Single	
Height:	Two Story	
Building:	Brick Veneer	4
Piers:	-	
Floor:	Timber with concrete areas	
Roof:	Metal	
Age:	-	

Image of property:



# Weather at time of inspection? Fine Was the property furnished at time of inspection? Please note: To conduct an inspection in accordance with AS 4349.1 the property would be vacant of all furnishing to enable a thorough visual inspection. Was there evidence of any extensions at time of inspection? No **Comment:** The townhouse is a converted warehouse. **Services connected to property** Yes **Electricity: Comment:** Gas: No **Comment:** Water: Yes **Comment:** Yes Sewer: **Comment:**

Drainage:

**Comment:** 

Smoke Detection Comment:

Yes

Definition of terms used t	o describe the current state of repair for each item inspected
Condition Visually Fine:	When the Inspector has viewed the subject area and sees no major defect, and sees no safety hazard.
General Advice/Minor Defect	A general impression regarding the extent of minor defects. Minor defects are common to most properties and may include minor blemishes, corrosion, cracking, weathering, general deterioration, unevenness, and physical damage to materials and finishes, such as desilvering of mirrors. It is expected that defects of this type would be rectified as part of normal ongoing property maintenance.
Major Defect	A defect of sufficient magnitude where repair works must be carried out, in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility or further deterioration of the property. Repairs should be carried out by a suitably qualified or licenced trades person. A Major Defect where unsafe conditions are immediately present and which must be repaired at the earliest opportunity
Unable to Inspect Due to access:	An area of the site where there is insufficient, unsafe or unreasonable access.
Not Applicable (N/A):	When the subject field doesn't make up any part of the inspected properv.
Report Definition	
Shower Recesses:	Tests may be made on shower recesses to detast leeks (if later a connected). The tests may not reveal leaks or show incorrect waterproofing to since the idea or masonry sealant has been applied prior to the inspection. Such applies for is temporary waterproofing measure and may last for some months before the aking flow. The tests of shower recesses are limited to running water within the relesses and issuary checking for leaks. As shower are only checked for a short period of time, prolongel use may reveal leaks were not detected at the time of inspection. No evidence of a current leak during inspection does not necessarily mean that the shower does at least
Glass Caution:	Glazing in some building (built before 1978) may not necessarily comply with current glass safety standards AS128. In the interests of safety, glass panes in doors and windows especially in high traffic and is should be replaced with safety glass of have shatterproof film installed.
Stairs & Balustrades:	The Australian Burling Code 3.9 require that covering stairs, landings and balustrades ensure the same you become and visitors to a building. Those built prior to 1996 may not comply with the compart standard. You must upgrade all such items.
Swimming Pools:	A Vis surject to a special purpose property report and is not applicable to this report.
Rooms Below Ground Level:	compunder the house or below ground level (whether they be habitable or not) may be subject to dampness and water penetration. Drains are not always installed correctly to see areas or could be blocked. It is common to have damp problems and water entry into thicke spaces, especially during periods of heavy rainfall and may not be evident on the day of the visual inspection. These rooms may also not have council approval. The purchaser should make their own enquiries to Council to ascertain if approval was granted.
Owners Corpole in:	If the property is covered by an Owners Corporation (Strata Title) APBI recommend that an Owners Corporation search be conducted to ascertain their financial position, the level of maintenance afforded and any other relevant information that may impact your future ownership of the property.



# 3. Inspection Agreement

#### **Requirement for inspection agreement**

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

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

#### **Purpose of inspection**

The purpose of the inspection is to provide advice regarding the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

## Reasonable Access to the property at time of inspection?

Yes

Note:

Areas where reasonable entry is denied to the inspector or where reasonable access are excluded from and do not ot avar form part of the inspection. Access limitations may include legal right of ent rs, security system, pets, furniture or other obstructions. Physical access limitations may include height, narrow ce, thick vegetation, small roof or crawl space and adverse weather conditions. The report shall identify any rea or iten within the scope of the inspection that was not inspected and the factor that prevented inspection.

The extent of accessible areas shall be determined by the inspector at the trencountered at that time. The inspection shall include only accessible areas a of insp tion based on the conditions that are within the inspector's line of sight and close enough to enable reasonable appraisal.

Reasonable access includes a prerequisite that the minimum earanes specified in the table below are safely available. Dimensions for reasonable access:

- Sace; and accessible from a 3.6m ladder; Roof Interior: 400mm x 500mm access hole; 600mm x 600mm
- Roof exterior: 400mm x 500mm access hole; 600 n x 600mm c space; and accessible from a 3.6m ladder placed on the ground Supplementary notes:

- access noles or the removal of screws and bolts or any other fastenings or Reasonable access does not include the sealants to access covers.
  - Sub-floor areas sprayed with chemi be inspected unless it is safe to do so.

#### **Conditions**

An inspection report may e condit

- Prevailing weather coi nt occupancy and use of services that mightaffect observations.
- client or agents of the client. Information provided b
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- niting the inspection. • Any other evant

#### Scope of inspective

#### What is not reported on, general exclusions detailed in AS 4349.1 - 2007

- Parts of a building that are under construction;
- The inspection is not intended to include rigorous assessment of all building elements in a property;
- Defects that would only be apparent under particular weather conditions or when using particular fittings & fixtures;
- Defects not apparent due to occupancy or occupancy behaviour e.g. non-use of a leaking shower
- The inspection report is not a certificate of compliance of the property within the requirements of any Act, regulation, ordinance, local law or by-law and is not a warranty against problems developing with the building in the future;
- Unauthorized building work or of work not compliant with building regulations;
- Title and ownership matters, matters concerning easements, covenants, restrictions, zoning certificates and all other lawrelated matters:
- · Estimation of the cost of rectification of specific defects.

#### What is not reported on, specific exclusions detailed in AS 4349.1 - 2007

- · Footings below ground, concealed damp-proof course, electrical installations, operation of smoke detectors, light switches and fittings, TV, sound and communication and security systems, concealed plumbing, adequacy of roof drainage as installed, gas fittings and fixtures, air conditioning, automatic garage door mechanisms, swimming pools and associated filtration and
- · The operation of fireplaces and solid fuel heaters, including chimneys and flues, alarm systems, intercom systems, soft floor



coverings, electrical appliances including dishwashers, incinerators, ovens, ducted vacuum systems, paint coatings except external protective coatings, health hazards e.g., allergies, soil toxicity, lead content, radon, presence of asbestos or urea formaldehyde), timber and metal framing sizes and adequacy, concealed tie downs and bracing, timber pest activity, other mechanical or electrical equipment (such as gates, inclinators);

• Soil conditions, control joints, sustainable development provisions, concealed framing-timbers or any areas concealed by

wall linings or sidings, landscaping, rubbish, floor cover, furniture and accessories, stored items, insulation, environmental matters e.g. BASIX, water tanks, BCA environmental provisions, energy efficiency, lighting efficiency.

#### What is reported on

The inspection includes subjective appraisal by an inspector competent to assess the condition of residential buildings. It involves a subjective assessment so different inspectors or even the same inspector on a different occasion may reach different

The inspection comprises a visual assessment of the property to identify major defects and to form an opinion regarding the general condition of the property at the time of inspection. The following areas shall be inspected where applicable:

- The interior of the building: ceilings; walls; floors; windows; doors & frames; kitchen; bathroom; WC; ensuite; laundry; stairs & damp problems;
- The exterior of the building: walls (including lintels, claddings, doors & windows); timber or steel frames & structures; chimneys; stairs; balconies, verandas, patios, decks, suspended concrete floors, balustrades;
- The roof exterior: roof (including tiles, shingles & slates, roof sheeting, gables, flashings); skylights, ven flues; valleys; guttering; downpipes; eaves, fascia's and barges;
- rete floors;
- The roof space: roof covering; roof framing; sarking; party walls; insulation;
  The sub-floor space: timber floor (including supports, floor, ventilation, drainage, damp); suspendents.
  The property within 30m of the house and within the boundaries of the site: car accommodation, detached the state of the site. aundry, ablution facilities and garden sheds; retaining walls (where supporting other structures and landscaping retaining walls 700mm high); paths & driveways; steps; fencing (general & swimming pool); surface water (drainage effective

## 4. Terms & Conditions

#### **APBI Terms & Conditions**

#### General

- 1. Australian Property and Building Inspections (APBI) has prepared this report in accordance with the guidelines of **Australian Standard 4349.1 2007 Inspection of buildings Part 1: Pre-purchase inspections Residential Buildings** (the Standard) which covers the minimum requirements for the visual inspection of residential buildings and based on the inspection of the property by the Inspector named in the building inspection report.
- 2. The Report is prepared for the sole and exclusive use of the Client (person, persons or body) named in the Booking Confirmation and cannot be used or acted upon by any other party without the express permission of APBI.
- 3. The Terms and Conditions are available on the website: www.apbi.com.au and can change without notice.
- 4. The Client, having been provided with the opportunity to read these Terms and Conditions following the making of a booking and a payment for an inspection, accepts these Terms and Conditions.
- 5. The Client acknowledges that these Terms and Conditions take precedence over any oral or written representations made by APBI or the Inspector, to the extent of any inconsistency.
- 6. A report prepared in accordance with the Standard is not a certificate of compliance of the property within a 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.

#### The Inspection

- 7. All inspections will be a **non-invasive visual** inspection and will be limited to the Reasonable Access (see below) is both available and permitted on the date and time to Inspection.
- 8. The inspection is undertaken, and the Report prepared, by the Inspector in the asympton that the existing use of the Inspected Property will continue. As such, the Inspector will not assess the itness of the Inspected Property for any other intended purpose. We advise you to verify any proposed change in use of the Inspected Property with the relevant authorities.
- 9. Where the Inspected Property is a unit or apartment (Strata Tiths), inspected will be limited to the nominated residence and does not include common property. i.e. Only those items lived on the title shall be reported.
- 10. The Inspected Property shall be compared with a building that has constructed in accordance with the generally accepted practice at the time of construction and which has been maintened such that there has been no significant loss of strength and serviceability.

#### **Reasonable Access**

- 11. The Standard provides that "safe and reconable access wall be determined by the inspector at the time of the inspection, based on the conditions encountered at the time of aspection. An inspector shall only inspect areas where safe, unobstructed access is provided and where the minimum city arices are available or, where these clearances are not available, areas within the inspector's unobstructed line of sight all those is pugh to enable reasonable appraisal.
- 12. Minimum clearances are defined as at least 10mm vertical and horizontal clearance for roof space and sub floor area access. The interior and exterior roof multiple scelable from a 3.6 metre high ladder for reasonable access to be available.
- 13. Reasonable access do that include removing screws and bolts to access covers. Nor does reasonable access include cutting or making access traps or took furniture or stored goods.

#### Limitations

- 14. **No assessi** enter data tification is made of asbestos or asbestos related products, toxic mould, Methamphetamine or other harmful substances. Asbes is dust is a hazardous material and should not be disturbed. It is vital that asbestos is not sawn, sanded, drilled or water by asted, etc. For more information about the handling and disposing of asbestos contact your local council.
- 15. Our inspection does not assess the operation of appliances, alarms, security and communication systems, smoke detectors, heating and cooling systems, blinds (internal and external), soft furnishings, telephones, spa and pool equipment, building automation, electrically operated doors, plant and equipment. Any item not specifically noted in this Report is excluded from the inspection of the Inspected Property. We suggest that a licensed tradesperson be contacted for a separate report in respect of gas or electrical appliance and fittings.
- 16. No item of furniture or fixtures will be removed, moved or modified during the inspection and items and conditions covered by such furnishings and fixtures are not inspected or considered. Nor do we assess the condition of conspicuous, non-structural items such as carpets, vinyl floor coverings etc.
- 17. The Inspector can only make comment about the general, visible condition of electrical wiring and plumbing. We suggest that a licensed tradesperson be contacted for a separate report.

#### **The Inspection Report**

18. The Report must be read carefully and, in its entirety, to gain a complete understanding of the findings of the inspection of the Inspected Property. It will help you understand the limitations faced by an inspector and why it is not possible to guarantee that a property is completely free of defects.



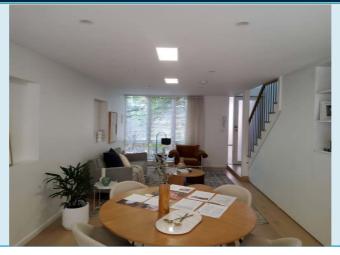
- 19. This Report describes the visual assessment of the Inspected Property including: the relevant features of the Inspected Property within 30m of the building and within the boundaries of the site, the prevailing structural, soil and weather conditions at the date and time of the inspection.
- 20. The Report is a subjective assessment of the Inspected Property and therefore outlines the opinion of the Inspector on the general condition of the Inspected Property at the date and time of the inspection in relation to major defects or safety hazards and a general advice on minor defect items.
- 21. The Report does not cover any part of the building located beneath the ground surface or identify any unauthorised building work or of work not compliant with building regulations.
- 22. An estimate of the costs of rectification of defects is not required in accordance with the Standard.
- 23. Any maintenance and general advice items are intended as a helpful guide. The Report is not an exhaustive list of all maintenance and advice items.
- 24. The Report provides no guarantee and is not a warranty against problems developing with the Inspected Property in the future.
- 25. This Report is not a rigorous assessment of all building elements and does not cover all maintenance items. This Report also does not cover defects in inaccessible areas, defects that are not reasonably visible, defects that may only the apparent in certain weather conditions or defects that have not yet arisen due to prolonged periods of wet or dry weather or of the subsequent events.
- 26. The Building or Pre-purchase Inspection Report does not identify the presence of timber pests, or any dange caused by timber pests (e.g. termites, borers, etc.). If you wish to include this, you will need to request a Timber Pest inspection report. If there is a concern regarding other types of pests then a fully qualified Pest Controller should a contacted.

#### Other matters

- 27. You should address legal and conveyancing matters such as title and ownership control of legal representative. Compliance issues in relation to the positioning of services, privacy, vehicle access, the siting of the buildings, zoning, permit or town planning issues or other legal matters should be directed to the relevant sity, to a solicitor or legal representative.
- 28. Unless otherwise notified, Australian Property & Building Inspections vall make vehor purchased reports available to prospective buyers. Please advise within 48 hours of receipt of this report lass a vendo you do not wish this report to be made available to prospective purchasers of the property.



# 5. Hallways and general living spaces



	Condition Visually Fine	Advice/Minor Major Defect		Unable to Inspect Due	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls	₫				
Ceilings	₫		V		
Doors		Ø			
Windows		₫ 🔪			
Fireplace					₫
Stairs	₫				
Balustrade	₫ 💉				

Hallways and general living spaces

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Doors

## Comments

Recommend fit may a door, top to prevent wall damage from the door handle. Recommend ainting or still ning the door tread to protect from deterioration.





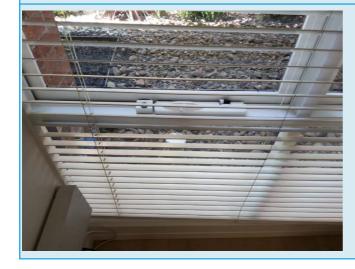
Hallways and general living spaces

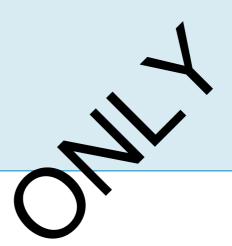
**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Windows

#### Comments

A front window winder handle was broken. Recommend replacing the winder block/mechanism. Contact a handyman service.







# 6. Kitchen





	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Unabl to Inspect Due	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls	₫				
Ceilings	₫		V		
Doors	₫				
Windows	₫				
Cabinets / Drawers		V			
Benchtops	₫				
Sink/Taps	₫ 💉				
Appliances ( Oven, Range Hood, Dishwasher)	Ø				
Ventilation					

Kitchen

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Cabinets / Drawers

## Comments

Adjust cabinet door hinge so a door below the steps closes properly.





# 7. Laundry



	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Unabl to Inspect Due	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls	₫				
Ceilings	₫		Į		
Doors	₫				
Windows					₫
Trough/Sink					₫
Taps	₫				
Cabinets	₫ 💉				
Sealants	Ø				
Exhaust Fans					₫
Ventilation	$\square$				

# 8. Bedrooms

## 8.1. Bedroom 1





	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Una. 'a to a sper' Due to Acce.	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls		₫	J		
Ceilings		Ø			
Doors	₫				
Windows	₫				
Robes	₫				
Smoke Detectors	₫ 🔻				

#### Bedroom 1

General Advice/Minor Defect

Walls

## Comments

Recommend in the left side of loft opening for safer access.





#### Bedroom 1

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Ceilings

#### Comments

Very slight crack noted to plaster alongside a roof beam. Loft area walls and walls throughout have been painted and appeared visually fine for the age and type of construction. There was no evidence of water damage or leaks.



# 8.2. Bedroom 2



	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Unable to Inspect Due	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls	₫				
Ceilings	₫				
Doors	₫				
Windows		Ø			
Robes		Ø			
Smoke Detectors	₫				

## Bedroom 2

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Windows

## Comments

Window was jamming open. Recommend replacing the winder mechanism. Contact a handyman service.



Bedroom 2

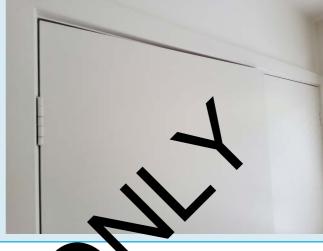
**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Robes

## Comments

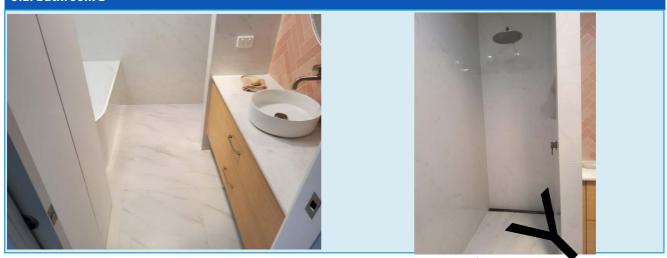
Robe door not closing properly. Recommend adjusting the hinges.





# 9. Bathrooms

# 9.1. Bathroom 1



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	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Una, 'ato, aper' Jue t. Acce. ,	Not Applicable
Floor	₫				
Walls	₫		J		
Ceilings	₫				
Doors	₫				
Windows					₫
Shower Recess	₫				
Shower Screen					₫
Shower Rose	ď				
Bath					₫
Mixer Taps	Ø				
Cabinets					
Sealant		₫			
Basins	ď				
Toilet	J				
Ventilation	₫				

Bathroom 1

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Sealants

## Comments

Recommend installing sealant around the basin to prevent possible damp damage to cabinetry below.





Bathroom 1

**Condition Visually Fine** 

Toilet

## Comments





# 10. External of property > Exterior

	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Unable to Inspect Due to Access	Not Applicable
Walls	₫				
Windows	đ				
Doors	đ				
Fascia, Eaves, Bargeboards	đ				
Down Pipes	₫				
Deck, Verandah, Balcony, Patio		₫			
Steps					<b>d</b>
Handrails					▼
Pergola					₫
Driveways and Paths		₫			
Retaining Walls					₫
Garage/Car Port		Ø	7		

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**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

rage/Cor Port

#### Comments

General advice - garage approximate length is 5, m from the roller door to the back wall, and approximate width is 5.4m (double car space width from the right spee wall to middle of the concrete pillar. Note it is single car space on the agents plan, so the approximate width would be 7m Please refer to the contract or advice from your conveyancer for exact sizes).





External > Exterior

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Deck, Verandah, Balcony, Patio

#### Comments

General advice - the courtyard approximate width and length is  $3.08 \, \text{m} \times 4.8 \, \text{m}$ .







External > Exterior

**Condition Visually Fine** 

Walls

## Comments

No evidence of major structural defects was found to walls of the townhouse.









#### External > Exterior

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

**Driveways and Paths** 

#### Comments

Slight cracks noted to common area pathway pavers.





#### External > Exterior

**General Advice/Minor Defect** 

Site Draina

#### Comments

There is a drainage riser pipe in the front yard, but no drainage pit. Recommend a plumber be engaged to grade the ground surface to a drainage pit and the stormwater drainage system, to minimise the risk of possible movement of footings and consequent damage to walls over the from regular ainwater seepage around the footings.





# 11. External of property > Roof areas Roof Type: Cathedral

	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Una 'e to spect vue	Not Applicable
Roof Space					₫
Roof			Į į	✓ ✓	
Valleys					₫
Flashings					₫
Gutters				₫	
Pointing					₫
Skylights					₫
Vents					₫
Chimney	8				₫

External > Roof Areas

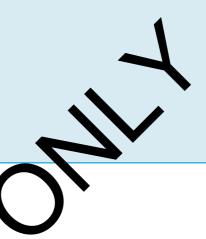
Unable to Inspect Due to Access

Roof

## Comments

Upper level roof was unable to be safely accessed due to safe height restriction over 3.6m from the ground.





12. External of property > Sub floor areas					
	Condition Visually Fine	General Advice/Minor Defect	Major Defect	Unable to Inspect Due to Access	Not Applicable
Sub Floor Ventilation					₫
Stumps					₫
Framing					₫



# 13. Findings and summary

This Building Inspection summary provides you with a "snapshot" of the items the inspector considers of greatest significance for you, in respect of the building only, when considering this property. Please refer to the Definitions and the complete Report for detailed information regarding visible defects. Note that this Summary is not the complete Report and that in the event of an apparent discrepancy the complete Report overrides the Summary information.

#### **Report Summary**

The townhouse presents in better than average condition overall for its age and type of construction. Some maintenance repairs are recommended as detailed in the comments above.



#### **Major Defects noted**

No

A summary of any major defects found. A defect of sufficient magnitude whose rectification has to be carried out without undue delay to avoid: unsafe conditions, posing a threat to life or serious injury; loss and the defect is such that the whole of the relevant part of the building can no longer serve its interped function; or further substantial deterioration of the building.

#### **Major Structural Defect noted**

No

A major defect in any internal or external permany, ad bearing component of the building which seriously affects the structural integrity of the building requiring rectification to be carried out without undue delay to avoid: unsafe conditions, posing a threat to life or serious injury; loss of users, when by to defect is such that the whole of the relevant part of the building can no longer serve its intended function; or function is lost initial deterioration of the building. In the case of cracking, a serious structural defect denotes severe cracking as defined. Category 4, Appendix C – Australian Standard AS 2870-2011.



# 14. Australian Property And Building Inspection

The Australian Property & Building Inspections is a national organisation that promotes quality building inspections. APBI engages with trade qualified builders with a minimum of 10 years residential and commercial building experience to complete property inspections. Each home and building inspection completed is then detailed in a report that is completed to Australian Standards AS4349.0, AS4349.1 and/or AS4349.3. APBI currently has 17 offices nationally who are supported by a national call centre located at Level 6, 350 Collins Street, Melbourne. Our office locations follow:

