



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSPECTION



The site was visited to undertake a pre-listing inspection for the purposes of apprising the owner of the present condition of the property. This report is offered as guidance only to any potential purchaser(s) and purchasers are encouraged to obtain independent advice on the property.

Customer Name: Sulu and Herman Westerlund

Inspection Address: 2 Chilcombe Street, Christchurch

Inspection Date: Monday, 29 June 2026

Weather Conditions: Fine

Inspector Name: Sam Thomson

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MISSION STATEMENT

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This inspection is a point in time one which has been conducted by a Licensed Building Practitioner who has significant achievement and experience in the residential building industry. The report is an **exception-based report** primarily focusing on and commenting on issues that are present. While the inspector may comment from time-to-time about elements of the property where no issues exist, mainly the report highlights any defects found during the inspection.

The report closely follows the requirements of NZS 4306:2005 (the New Zealand Standard for property inspections) and complies with that standard.

NZS4306:2005 states that ... “A property inspection should not be seen as an all-encompassing report dealing with a building from every aspect. Rather it should be seen as a reasonable attempt to identify any significant defects visible at the time of inspection. Whether or not a defect should be regarded as significant depends to a large extent upon the age and the type of building being inspected.”

Where an issue is highlighted, it remains the client’s responsibility as to what further action is taken, whether any is recommended or not. Consider visiting the address again with the report and satisfying your own mind about any issues.

DETAILS OF BUILDING

The property at 2 Chilcombe Street, Christchurch is a four-bedroom, double-storey dwelling constructed with plaster over Hardie board resting on a concrete slab foundation, with a combination of a corrugated and membrane roof. The interior walls are plasterboard over timber frames. The floors are concrete with carpet, and tile flooring in the wet areas and the kitchen.

The property is adjacent to the street. There is a double internal access garage.

The property was built circa 1990 and all fittings appear to be in good condition.

Building Use:	Residential
Technical Category (CERA):	Technical Category 2
Estimated Ground Profile:	flat
Number of Storeys:	double
Foundation Construction:	concrete slab
External Wall Construction:	plaster over Hardie board
Internal Wall Construction:	plasterboard
Mid-floor Construction	timber
Roof:	combination of a corrugated and membrane
Floor Type:	concrete
Year Built:	circa 1990



INSPECTION SUMMARY

There was no evidence of significant structural damage to the building noted during our visual, non-invasive inspection.

I attended the property and inspected inside, outside and around the section, making notes and taking photographs as I went. I noted any defects, and these are summarised below.

The defects noted are:

THE SITE

- Cracking to tiles and separation at entrance way.

EXTERIOR

- Cracking to plaster joins around some windows and sills and angle crack to plaster on southern wall
- Some minor paint damage to the windowsill. Blemishes on the aluminium window frames
- Gap above external door to garage

SUBFLOOR SPACE

- Gully trap surround by garage requires sealing to sides.

ROOF

- Butynol flat roof shows signs of age and would benefit from preventative maintenance including moss/mould treatment

INTERIOR

- Minor blemishes to the walls and ceilings – normal wear & tear
- Noticeable tile infills in kitchen flooring where alterations completed
- Cavity sliders to bathrooms would benefit from adjustment and replacement of floor runners. Hand-pull handles are loose
- Non soft close drawers with child latches left on. Goose neck tap to kitchen requires tightening at base
- Small pin hole leak to glass on downstairs shower. Flexi hose to shower is squashed by rainwater head in all showers - due to poor design
- No splashback behind the WC handbasin
- Some window catches not functioning as intended

SERVICES

- HWC seismic straps not tightened

APPLIANCES

- Heat damage to surface of stove above oven.
- Serene S2069 Heaters installed. Energy Safety has extended its clampdown on Serene wall mounted bathroom heaters, which don't meet New Zealand's safety standards. This now involves the following Serene models: S2068, S207T, and S2069. Check <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/further-action-on-serene-bathroom-heaters/>



FLOOR LEVELS

A full floor-level survey was not conducted at the address; however, an assessment was made using a laser level device within the confines of working around furniture and fixtures. Refer to the floor section under the Interior heading in the body of the report.

MOISTURE TESTS

Interior moisture levels were tested using a Trotec® T660 moisture tester. This is a non-invasive capacitive tester that injects an electric field into the wall and measures the moisture levels through that. It is an indicative test which directs more intensive testing should elevated or wet readings be returned. The only certain way to determine a moisture problem is through intensive inspection.

The reading scale is an exponential one from one to 200; with readings less than 50 considered dry, readings between 51 and 80 considered elevated and readings over 80 considered wet. Wet and elevated readings require further investigation.

A total of 17 locations were chosen to take moisture readings.

The readings are typically taken about 50mm from the floor – the assumption being that if the wall is damp the moisture will be near the bottom of the wall. Readings were also taken in the bottom of the shower or bath, vanity units, laundry tub cabinet, kitchen under sink and adjacent the toilet.

The moisture readings were between 20.5 and 47.9 – these are in the dry range.

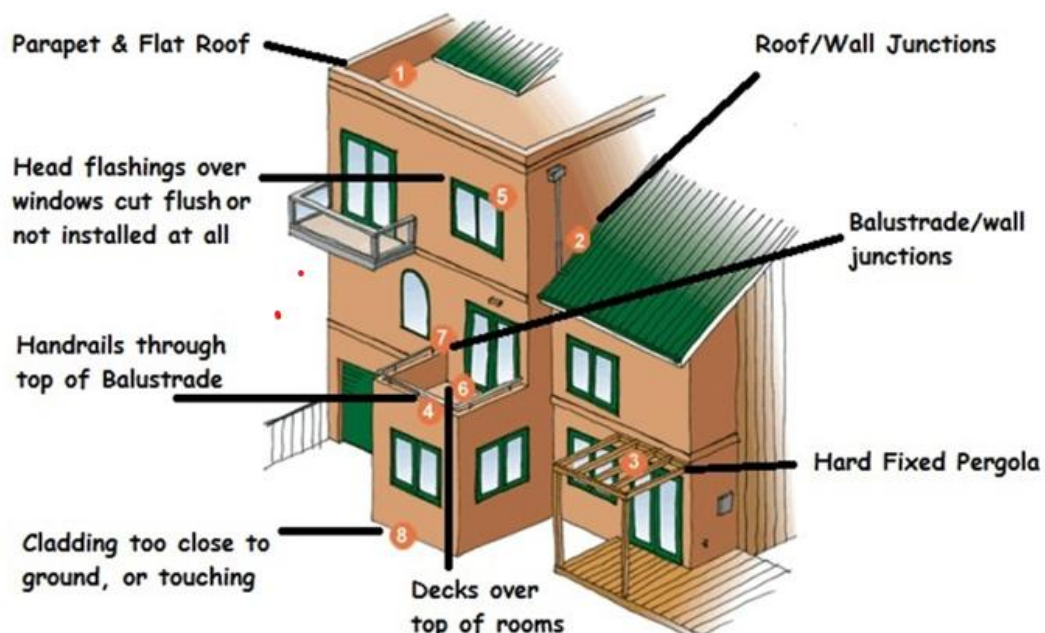
It should be noted that the property is presently unoccupied, and the moisture readings may vary once it is inhabited, and the wet areas are in daily use.

OTHER

There was no evidence of land damage, liquefaction or lateral spreading noted during the inspection.

Overall, from the visual non-invasive inspection, the property appears to be in fair condition with some defects observed, as outlined above.

ENVELOPE PROFILE



ELEMENT	COMMENT
Roof	Profiled steel long-run roof with good pitch.
Spouting	External spouting
Soffits/eaves	Small soffits present
Cladding condition	Cladding has minor cracking and the wooden deck is hard up against the dwelling cladding, not allowing moisture drainage. Periodically check for any cracking and seal. Paint using an Elastomeric paint in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, every five to seven years.
Windows & Doors	Well set back.
Penetrations	Numerous penetrations of the cladding. Check cladding penetrations regularly and seal when required.
Moisture testing	Moisture measurements were taken around the base of the inside of the external walls at intervals to provide a level of comfort that the building envelope is performing as expected. Moisture ingress noted below leaking spouting
Ground clearance	Minimal ground clearance.



LAND AND ZONING

The property is zoned Technical Category 2, under the former Canterbury Earthquake Regional Authority guidelines.

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LAND ZONING 4

Foundation Technical Category 1 (TC2)

Technical Category 2 (TC2)

Land that was classified Technical Category 2 (TC2) was suitable for homes to be repaired or rebuilt after the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes.

TC2 land may have experienced liquefaction-related land damage and settlement during the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes. Land damage from liquefaction is possible on TC2 land in future significant earthquakes. While TC2 land is considered suitable for residential construction, stronger foundations are required for house repairs and rebuilds. This may include standard timber piled foundations for houses with lightweight cladding and roofing and suspended timber floors or enhanced concrete foundations.

In 2019 Christchurch City Council completed a liquefaction hazard study, encompassing the Christchurch urban area, which uses the extensive information about ground conditions gathered since the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes and follows the most recent national liquefaction guidance. This includes an updated liquefaction vulnerability map, and an online tool which helps to visualise an area's vulnerability to liquefaction under different conditions. For details visit the [CCC Liquefaction information website](#).

Detailed information about foundation requirements is available on the [Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment \(MBIE\) website](#).





PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FORM

THE SITE

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Retaining Walls	N/A	-
Stairs	N/A	-
Steps, Handrails, Paths, Driveway	Minor	Cracking to tiles and separation at entrance way.
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	N/A	-
Fencing ○ Material Type ○ Height ○ Condition	None	1.8m. No defects noted
Ground Movement/cracking	None	No defects noted
Surface water control ○ Signs of Pooling ○ Direction of Water Flow	None	No defects noted

EXTERIOR

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Balconies, Verandas, or patios etc.	Minor	The wooden deck is hard up against the dwelling cladding, not allowing moisture drainage.
External stairs/steps	None	No defects noted
Framing (verticality, defects)	None	No defects noted
Wall Cladding (condition, tied to frame, weep holes.)	Minor	Cracking to plaster joins around some windows and sills and angle crack to plaster on southern wall. Gap above external door to garage
External Doors & Windows (condition, defects)	Minor	Some minor paint damage to the windowsill. Blemishes on the aluminium window frames
Chimney	N/A	-

SUBFLOOR SPACE

This section is largely not applicable due to the concrete slab foundation.

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Location of Access Point (if applicable)	-	N/A
Accessibility – Minimum 500x400mm	-	N/A
Foundation Type & Condition	None	Concrete perimeter
Foundation Walls	None	No defects noted
Ground Space Condition	N/A	No defects noted
Ground Vapour Barrier	N/A	No defects noted
Drainage – drains, haunching etc	Minor	Gully trap surround by garage requires sealing to sides.
Ventilation Adequacy	N/A	No defects noted
Pile Type, Instability & Condition	N/A	No defects noted
Pile to Bearer Connections	N/A	No defects noted
Obvious Structural Alteration	-	No
Ground Clearance of Timber Framing	-	N/A
Floor Type	-	Concrete
Timber Framing & Bracing	N/A	No defects noted
Insulation Type, Approximate Thickness, Coverage & Condition	None	No defects noted
Plumbing – materials, leakage, supports	N/A	-
Electrical – wiring & supports	None	No defects noted
Insect or Pest Infestation	None	No defects noted
Rotting Timbers	None	No defects noted
Debris	None	No defects noted



ROOF

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Roof System - material	-	Long-run colour steel
Roof condition	Minor	Butynol flat roofs shows signs of age and would benefit from preventative maintenance including moss/ mould treatment.
Gutters/Spouting/downpipes	None	No defects noted
Eaves/Fascia/Soffits	None	No defects noted

ROOF SPACE

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Accessibility – location and size of manhole. Minimum 450x440mm with crawl space of 600x600mm	-	Upstairs hallway cupboard Meets the minimum allowance
Roof Cladding – from the inside (efflorescence, leaks, daylight)	None	No defects noted
Thermal Insulation – Type, clearances, approximate thickness, and coverage.	None	No defects noted
Sarking	N/A	-
Party Walls & Fireproofing	N/A	-
Roof Underlay & Support (mesh/wire)	None	No defects noted
Roof Frame Construction & Connections	None	No defects noted
Ceiling Construction	None	No defects noted
Obvious structural alteration	-	No
Insect or Pest infestation	-	No
Roofing timbers	None	No defects noted
Discharges into roof space (Vents/fans)	-	No
Plumbing – materials, leakage, supports	None	No defects noted
Electrical – wiring type & supports.	None	No defects noted
Tile Fixings	N/A	-

INTERIOR

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Ceilings – condition, defects. Stipple	Minor	



Walls – condition, defects.	Minor	Minor blemishes to the walls and ceilings – normal wear & tear
Timber Floors	None	No defects noted
Concrete Floors	None	No defects noted. Measurements were taken with a laser level device across the floor plan measured across the greatest available distance, and the variation was around 15mm. The MBIE Guidelines for the level variations of the floor plan have set the limit at 50mm.
Carpets, floor coverings	Minor	Obvious tile infills in kitchen flooring where alterations completed.
Internal Doors & Frames, Skirtings	Minor	Cavity sliders to bathrooms would benefit from adjustment and replacement of floor runners. Hand-pull handles are loose. The skirting has come loose from the wall
Electrical – operation of switches etc.	None	No defects noted

Kitchen

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| ○ Floor – sealed around perimeter | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Bench Top | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Cabinetry | Minor | Non soft close drawers with child latches left on. |
| ○ Sink/taps | Minor | Goose neck tap to kitchen requires tightening at base |
| ○ Tiles (sealed and condition) | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Air extraction system | None | No defects noted |

Bathroom, WC, Ensuite -

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| ○ Floor - sealed | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Cistern, Pan (Bidet if Applicable) | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Tiles (sealed and condition) | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Bath (sealed and condition, pressure) | None | No defects noted |
| ○ Shower (sealed & condition, pressure) | Minor | Small pin hole leak to glass on downstairs shower. Flexi hose to |



		shower is squashed by rainwater head in all showers due to poor design.
○ Vanities/washbasin (taps, sealed & condition)	Minor	No splashback behind the WC handbasin.
○ Ventilation	None	No defects noted
○ Special Features (if applicable)	None	No defects noted
Laundry		
○ Location (state location)	-	Garage
○ Floor (sealed & condition)	N/A	-
○ Tubs/cabinet	None	No defects noted
○ Tiles (sealed and condition)	None	No defects noted
○ Ventilation	None	No defects noted
Storage	None	No defects noted
Inside of Windows (catches & condition) Single or double glazed	Minor	Some window catches not functioning as intended.
Electrical Connections	None	No defects noted
Interior Stairs	None	No defects noted
Garage – opener, doors.	None	No defects noted
Other	N/A	-

SERVICES

These items are technical in nature and commented on only, following a visual inspection.

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Fire Warning/Control System (Not just smoke detectors)	-	No
Heating System (specify type)	None	If a heat pump – as specified below in the Appliances Section.
Ventilation System (HRV/DVS)	-	No
Central Vacuum System (if applicable - untested)	-	No
Security System	-	No
Electrical – Meter Board/Switch Board	None	No defects noted
Gas Services (Wall straps, vents blocked)	N/A	-
Water Services (incl. pressure)	None	No defects noted
Wet areas (suitably sealed from walls or floors – incl. cabinets)	None	No defects noted
Hot Water (incl. pressure) ○ Date on cylinder ○ Seismic straps	Minor	17/05/ 2010, 300L, seismic straps not tightened.
Wastewater/Sewerage (Flush toilets)	None	No defects noted
Grey Water Recycling (if applicable)	N/A	-
Rainwater Collection System (if applicable)	N/A	-
Solar Panels	-	No
Aerials or antennae	-	Yes
Shading Systems (if applicable)	N/A	-
Telecommunications (phone/internet lines – number and location. Untested)	-	Yes
Lifts	-	No

APPLIANCES

Appliances are commented upon only and no warranty as to fitness for purpose is offered or implied

ITEM ASSESSED	DEFECT	COMMENTS/NOTES
Stove	None	No defects noted
Freestanding Oven	Minor	Heat damage to surface of stove above oven.
In-sink waste disposal	None	-
Exhaust fan(s)	None	No defects noted
Dishwasher	None	No defects noted
Heat Pump	None	No defects noted
Bathroom Heater	Serious	Serene S2069 Heaters installed. Energy Safety has extended its clampdown on Serene wall mounted bathroom heaters, which don't meet New Zealand's safety standards. This now involves the following Serene models: S2068, S207T, and S2069. Check https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/further-action-on-serene-bathroom-heaters/
Heated towel rails	None	No defects noted
Night-Store Heater – not specifically tested	-	No
Fridge if being left	N/A	-
Smoke detector(s) – ○ Max 3m to bedroom ○ One on each storey ○ Do they work?	None	No defects noted

OTHER MATTERS

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NATURAL HAZARDS

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THE INSECTOR FURTHER SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING

OTHER ADDITIONAL ☐

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SUPPORTING PHOTOS



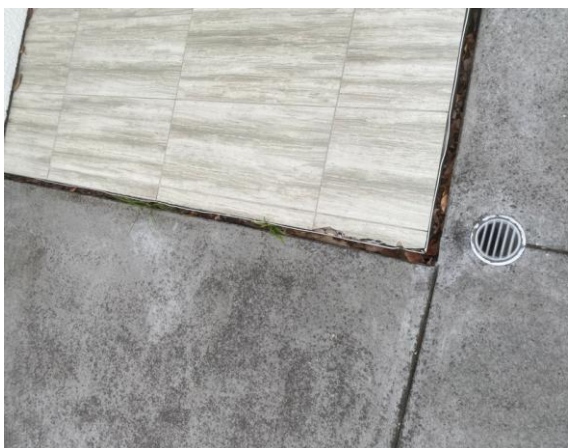
Driveway



Front fence



Cladding and windows – general view



Chipped tile to entry way, external



Gully trap not sealed at back



Deck hard against cladding



Smaller than required gap here



Minor cracking/ potential moisture ingress points to cladding.



Ensure penetrations are sealed



Silicone sealant in lieu of deflector flashing



No deflector where fascia intercepts cladding



Gap above external door to garage



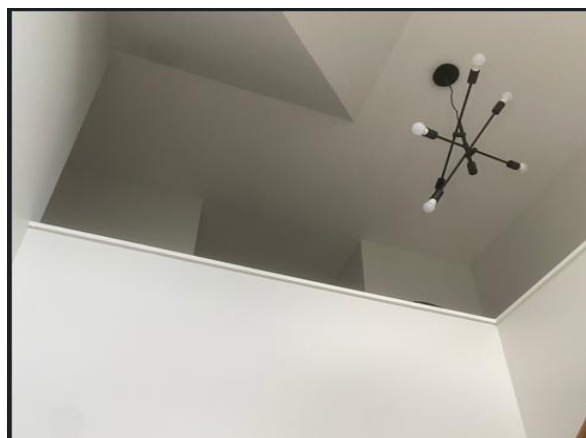
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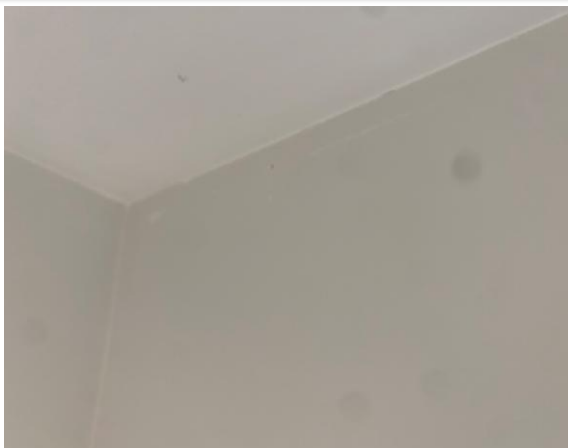


Internal gutter

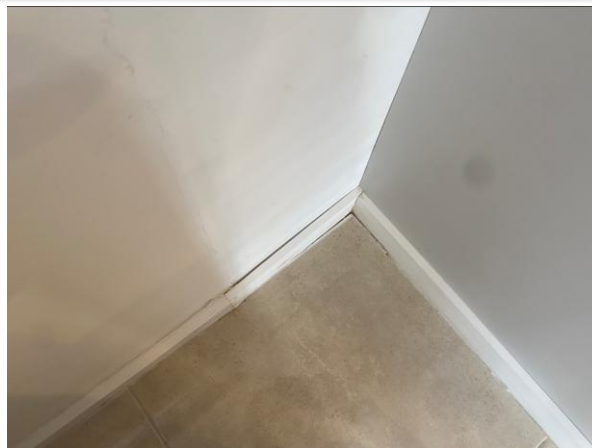


Walls and ceilings – general view





Wall blemishes



Internal wall blemish



Flexi hose to shower squashed from holder



Heat damage to surface above top of oven door

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NZS 4306:2005

Client: Sulu and Herman Westerlund

Site Address: 2 Chilcombe Street, Christchurch

Inspector – Sam Thomson

Company – BuildQual NZ (2016) Limited

Qualifications: Licensed Building Practitioner and qualified builder

Date of inspection: Monday, 29 June 2026

The following areas of the property have been inspected:

	Yes	No
(a) Site	☒	☐
(b) Subfloor	☐	☒
(c) Exterior	☒	☐
(d) Roof exterior	☒	☐
(e) Roof space	☒	☐
(f) Interior	☒	☐
(g) Services	☒	☐
(h) Accessory unit, ancillary space and buildings	☐	☒

Any limitations to the coverage of the inspection are detailed in the written report.

Certification:

I hereby certify that I have carried out the inspection of the property site at the above address in accordance with NZS 4306:2005 *Residential Property Inspection* – and I am competent to undertake this inspection.

Signature *Sam Thomson*

Date: 29 June 2026

An inspection carried out in accordance with NZS 4306:2005 is not a statement that a property complies with the requirement of any Act, regulation, or bylaw, nor is the report a warranty against any problems developing after the date of the property report. Refer to NZS 4306:2005 for full details. A signed copy of this certificate is held on file.



LIMITATIONS

The purpose of the report is to summarise the inspection of the building for the above-mentioned client only. The inspection is limited to a visual inspection only and is to give you a better understanding of the buildings condition as noted at the time of inspection. There are, therefore, a few limitations to the inspection, which you need to be aware of. These include the following:

- a) The report is of a visual only, non-invasive inspection of the areas of the building which were readily visible at the point in time of the inspection. The inspection does not include any areas or components which were concealed or closed in behind finished surfaces (such as plumbing, drainage, heating, framing, ventilation, insulation, or wiring) or which required the moving of anything which impeded access or limited visibility (such as floor coverings, furniture, appliances, personal property, vehicles, vegetation, debris or soil.) Any appliances are commented on only and no warranty as to fitness for purpose is offered or implied. BuildQual has no mandate to move, cause any damage to or change anything in the property.
- b) The inspection does not draw conclusions about the weather tightness of the building. It does, however, assess internal moisture readings directed by the inspector's expertise using a state-of-the-art tester, from which a recommendation may be made for further investigation. The testing is indicative only and makes no representation about the structure meeting the requirements of the building code as it relates to leaks, water penetration, weatherproofing, moisture or any effective water exit or control systems; this extends to any resultant mould, fungi, mildew, rot, decay, gradual deterioration, micro-organisms, bacteria, protozoa or any similar or like forms in any building structure. Invasive investigation is usually the only way to conclusively determine such issues.
- c) As the purpose of the inspection is to assess the general condition of the building based on the limited visual inspection described in (a), the report may not identify all past, present or future defects. Descriptions in the report of systems or appliances relate to existence only and not adequacy or life expectancy. Any area or component of the building or any item or system not specifically identified in the report as having been inspected was excluded from the scope of the inspection. The report will not back-date today's code requirements onto works undertaken at an unknown time prior.
- d) Without limiting the general nature of that statement, we mean that the report does not extend to areas behind walls, below the ground, behind other fixtures or obstructions such as signage, cladding, under floor coverings or in areas which pose health or safety hazards, or which are too small and difficult to reach. Also excluded are areas, which would require specialised equipment to reach e.g. cranes or cherry pickers. BuildQual inspects houses as they are presented, and if subfloor or roof access spaces don't exist or are obstructed, the report will reflect that. Returning to complete that part of an inspection will incur a fee.
- e) The assessment does not extend to any facilities servicing the premises such as electrical systems, plumbing, ventilation plant, lifts or other mechanical systems. Any photographs taken during the inspection were to support the inspector's report and remain the property of the inspector.
- f) Although property inspections can provide independent advice, they do not cover everything. For example, the inspector normally would not check the adequacy of the following: footings; concealed damp-proof membranes; concealed drainage; swimming pools, saunas and associated equipment; the operation of fireplaces and chimneys; intercom systems; floor coverings; appliances including but not limited to dishwashers, waste disposal units, ovens, ducted vacuum systems; Structural stability (other than pipe instability); hazards; and hot water cylinders. Whether or not services have been used for some time before an inspection being carried out may affect the detection of leaks and other defects. For example, in the case of a shower enclosure, the absence of any dampness at the time of inspection does not necessarily that the enclosure will not leak. **This is reproduced from NZS 4306:2005.**
- g) The report closely follows the requirements of NZS 4306:2005 (the New Zealand Standard for property inspections) and as such complies with that standard. There are minimum requirements for access to confined spaces in NZS 4306:2005, however, if in the inspector's view a space is too confined or the atmosphere inside that space is not safe, and it presents a risk to their safety under the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015, the inspector's safety is considered foremost. Similarly, if in the inspector's view an element of the property presents an unacceptable risk to inspect (height, proximity to safe ground, animal hazards etc.), the report will reflect that this element has not been inspected and the reason why.
- h) While EQC documentation may be checked against a property during an inspection, the general nature, the volume of that documentation and the elapsed time since the Canterbury Earthquakes makes it difficult to say with any certainty that damage listed is the same as evident during the inspection; similarly, it is difficult to ascribe some damage to an earthquake with any certainty.
- i) Damage and defects identified in the report may alter upon further work being carried out either to the building or any adjacent buildings, which may also be undergoing remedial or demolition work. Subsequent land movement or earthquakes may also alter the building.
- j) The report is not a substitute for any structural engineering or geotechnical assessment report which you are strongly recommended to obtain and therefore the report is not to be relied upon as a statement that the building is fit for use either in part or in whole.
- k) The persons carrying out the inspection to compile the report are limited by this agreement and cannot be expected to find or discover all defects in the building and you accept that we did not build or perform work on the building and are not responsible for or liable for anything other than the completion of the report and our opinion on the aspects reviewed.
- l) Any third-party report or externally sourced information annexed to this report is the responsibility of that third party and is attached for information only and we make no warranty regarding the same nor accept any responsibility for incorrect information contained therein.
- m) While we will use best endeavours to use all reasonable care and skill in carrying out the assessment consistent with that applied by reputable consultants practising in the property assessment field at this time, we provide no warranty (expressed or implied) as to the information presented in this report, except and only to the extent that the laws of New Zealand impose a warranty or guarantee such as under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.

OTHER SERVICES WE OFFER



Floor Level Survey

While an assessment is usually made using a laser level device during our inspections, we can further survey the floor levels of the building using a Zip level Pro device for greater detail. The results are then plotted on a floor plan, which is detailed within the report along with supporting information that demystifies the requirements – the MBIE guidelines.



Meth Testing

BuildQual NZ Ltd can arrange a contractor to do Meth Testing. Testing is conducted at various points of the house with results available two days later allowing for lab analysis. More in-depth testing can be done after a positive indication which will detail the levels of contamination to help inform your next steps.



New Build Pre-Handover Inspections

BuildQual NZ Ltd will inspect your newly built house and prepare a report before the pre-handover meeting with your builder, allowing you to ensure that the standard of work you expected is evident and to confidently request any defects be remedied before you move in.



Damage Assessment

BuildQual NZ Ltd conducts damage assessments on houses where repairs have not yet been completed and on houses where the repairs have been completed but a determination of the standard of work is required. We compare the works against the scopes of works and collect the producer statements to provide a level of comfort around the condition of the property.



BuildQual can arrange tradesmen – if required

BuildQual can arrange or recommend tradesmen plumbers, electricians, roof repairers and heat pump maintenance for your consideration when required. Tried and trusted otherwise we wouldn't recommend them. Let us help take the stress away from finding a tradesman.

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If the report is on-sold to a purchaser, they need to be aware that the consumer protections do not pass with that transaction. In accordance with the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017; the purchaser was not a party to the contract which initiated the inspection, was not intended to be a party, and cannot join that contract retrospectively.