

# AUSTRALIAN STANDARD PRE-PURCHASE INSPECTION FOR MAJOR STRUCTURAL DEFECTS

ANNEXURE A

This annexure forms part of the Contract for the Sale of Land or Strata Title for the Property at

**NOTE - THIS ANNEXURE ONLY APPLIES TO, AND IS LIMITED TO, MAJOR STRUCTURAL DEFECTS PURSUANT TO APPENDIX "A" OF THE STANDARD AND NOT OTHER DEFECTS, MAINTENANCE OR OTHER SAFETY ISSUES.**

1. The Buyer may at their expense obtain a written Report on any Major Structural Defects of the residential building and of the following described areas Located upon the Property ("**Building**"). If nothing is completed in the blank space then the Building will be the residential Building only.
2. The Buyer must serve a copy of the Report on the Seller, Seller Agent or Seller Representative by 4PM on: \*complete (a) or (b)  
 (a\*)  /  /  **OR** (b\*) within 14 days from acceptance ("Date")
3. If the Buyer, and Seller Agent or Seller or Seller Representative do not receive the Report before the Date then the Buyer will be deemed to have waived the benefit of this Annexure. Time is of the essence.
4. If the Report identifies Major Structural Defects to the Property's Building, the Buyer may at any time within three (3) Business Days after the Date serve a Major Structural Defects Notice on the Seller, Seller Agent or Seller Representative giving the Seller five (5) Business Days to agree to remedy the Major Structural Defects.
5. If the Seller elects in writing to remedy the Major Structural Defects in the Major Structural Defects Notice then the Settlement Date will be delayed until the later of: (a) three (3) Business Days after the Seller's Work is completed as certified by the Seller's Builder and (b) the Settlement Date.
6. The Seller must do the Work expeditiously and in good and workmanlike manner through a Builder and provide evidence to the Buyer of completion of the Work.
7. If, prior to the Seller commencing Work, the Seller and Buyer wish to agree and do agree an amount to be paid by the Seller to the Buyer then the amount will be deducted from the Purchase Price at Settlement and the Seller will not undertake the Work.
8. If the Seller does not agree in writing to remedy Major Structural Defects within five (5) Business Days from when the Major Structural Defects Notice was served on the Seller, Seller Agent or Seller Representative then:
  - (a) At any time within a further Five (5) Business Days after (1) that period ending (if no notice is given by the seller); or (2) the date notice in writing is given by the Seller to the Buyer, the Buyer may give notice in writing to the Seller, Seller Agent or Seller Representative terminating the Contract and the Deposit and other monies paid will be repaid to the Buyer;
  - (b) if the Buyer does not terminate the Contract pursuant to this clause 8, then this Annexure ceases to apply and the Contract continues unaffected by this Annexure.
9. In this Annexure:
  - 9.1 "Builder" means a registered building service contractor (as defined in the *Building Services (Registration) Act 2011WA*) qualified to remedy the matters set out in the Major Structural Defects Notice.
  - 9.2 "Consultant" means an independent inspector qualified and experienced in undertaking pre-purchase property inspections to ascertain Major Structural Defects.
  - 9.3 "Date" means the date inserted or calculated in clause 2. If nothing is inserted in clause 2 then the Date will be five (5) Business Days from the later of (i) the Contract Date; or (ii) the Latest Time for Financial Approval (if any).
  - 9.4 "Major Structural Defects" means a fault or deviation from the intended structural performance of a building element and is a major defect to the building structure of sufficient magnitude where rectification has to be carried out in order to avoid unsafe conditions, loss of utility, or further deterioration of the building structure. Major Structural Defects does not include any non-structural element, e.g., roof plumbing and roof covering, general gas, water and 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., general maintenance, or spalling of masonry, fretting of mortar or rusting of primary structural elements.
  - 9.5 "Major Structural Defects Notice" means a Notice in writing from the Buyer to the Seller to provide the Seller with the opportunity to agree to rectify the Major Structural Defects that the Buyer requires to be rectified.
  - 9.6 "Report" means the report performed in accordance with Appendix A of the Standard by a Consultant. It is not a special purpose report, nor an all-encompassing report dealing with every aspect of the Property. The Report should only be a reasonable attempt to identify Major Structural Defects to the Building structure pursuant to Appendix "A" of the Standard. The presence of defects will only be relevant in this Annexure when the defects are a Major Structural Defect.
  - 9.7 "Standard" means Australian Standard AS 4349-2007 (as amended from time to time) Inspections of buildings Part 1: Pre-purchase Structural Inspection - Residential buildings).
  - 9.8 "Work" means the work required to rectify the Major Structural Defects set out in the Major Structural Defects Notice.
  - 9.9 Words not defined in this Annexure have the same meaning as defined in the Standard or the 2022 General Conditions.

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