

# 01 Independent Quality Assurance: Pre-Pour Inspection

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Flagged items	17
Inspection type	01 Independent Quality Assurance: Pre-Pour Inspection
Job Name	
Client	
Site Address	3217, Australia
Inspection Date	2023
Footing description	Slab on ground
	Bored piers
Inspection completed by	
Weather	3:15PM: 17°, Times of sun and clouds, Wind WSW 13km/h, Wind Gusts 33km/h

#### 1.0: GENERAL/REINFORCEMENT

9 flagged

#### INSPECTION PROCESS:

Visual appraisal under normal or special lighting

# **BOUNDARIES OF THE INSPECTION:**

The dwelling and it's immediate surroundings within the title boundary on the aforementioned property address. Items inspected are as per the list below.

# REPORTING:

Any defects listed in reports will be based on elements that are known to not comply with the following but not limited to; Client supplied project drawings and specifications, the Building Act 1993, the Building Regulations 2018, National Construction Code/Building Code of Australia Volume Two, AS 4349.0 – 2007 Inspection of buildings, relevant Australian Standards, the Victorian Building Authority Guide to Standards and Tolerances 2015, manufacturers guidelines, and other similar relevant documents.

#### **LEGEND**

- DEFECT REMAINS
- SIGNIFICANT DEFECT REMAINS
- CLOSED OUT WHILST ON-SITE
- OBSERVATION

# 1.0: REINFORCEMENT

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#### 1.1: GENERAL

# 1.1.4: External beams extend into slab as per Engineers locations

#### 1.2: FABRIC 2 flagged

#### 1.2.2: Fabric consistent height

SIGNIFICANT DEFECT REMAINS

Highlighted areas where mesh sags.

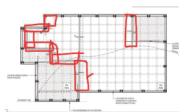


Photo 1





Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8

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- concrete or plastic.

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### +1.2.4: Bar chairs





#### **DEFECT REMAINS**



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#### 1.3: EXTERNAL BEAMS

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## 1.3.1: Stem width as per Engineer's requirements

SIGNIFICANT DEFECT REMAINS

Stem width exceeds 220mm and additional bar is required.

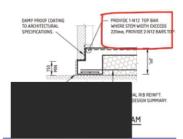


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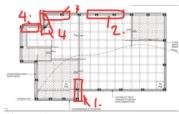


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Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18



Photo 19



Photo 20

# 1.3.2: External beam reinforcement cover (side/bottom)

SIGNIFICANT DEFECT REMAINS

All bottom trench mesh not supported chair spacing e ceeds 800mm centres and not as per engineers design.



Photo 21



Photo 22



Photo 23



Photo 24

ALL REINFORCEMENT SHALL BE FIRMLY SUPPORTED ON INSULATED STEEL, PLASTIC OR CONCRETE CHAIRS GENERALLY AT NOT GREATER THAN 800 CENTRES BOTH WAYS. ROOS SHALL BE TIED AT ALTERNATE INTERSECTIONS.

Photo 25

There are coverage issues at the marked up location that don't meet AS 2870 part 5.3.2(a): "Reinforcement in rafts and slabs shall be 40 mm to unprotected ground, 40 mm to external exposure, 30 mm to a membrane in contact with the ground, and 20 mm to an internal surface."

# 1.4: INTERNAL BEAMS

1 flagged

# 1.4.1: Internal beam reinforcement cover (side/bottom cover on steel)

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

Bottom nternal rib bar side cover not achieved.



Photo 26



Photo 27



Photo 28

Refer to the National Construction Code of Australia in particular section 3.2.3.2 Steel reinforcement:

- "(d) Footings and slabs-on-ground must have concrete cover between the outermost edge of the reinforcement (including ligatures, tie wire etc.) and the surface of the concrete of not less than the following:
- (i) 40 mm to unprotected ground. (ii) 30 mm to a membrane in contact with the ground.
- (iii) 20 mm to an internal surface. (iv) 40 mm to external exposure."

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3.2.3.2

# Footings and Slabs

- (i) 40 mm to unprotected ground.
- (ii) 30 mm to a membrane in contact with the ground.
- (iii) 20 mm to an internal surface.
- (iv) 40 mm to external exposure.
- (e) Reinforcement must be cleaned of loose rust, mud, paints and oils immediately prior to the concrete pour.

#### **Explanatory information:**

In order to obtain a good bond between concrete and reinforcement, the reinforcement should be free of contamination by mud, paint, oils, etc. It is not necessary for the reinforcement to be completely free of rust. Some rusting is beneficial in promoting a good bond as it roughens the surface of the steel. Loose rust, however, must be removed from the reinforcement.

1.6: WAFFLE 4 flagged

Apply?

# 1.6.1: Waffle set out as per engineer's drawings

Waffle pod debris throughout ribs and beams.



Photo 29



Photo 30



**DEFECT REMAINS** 

Photo 31









# 1.6.2: Waffle pods in position?

Highlighted ribs not aligned.





Photo 38



Photo 36



Photo 39

**DEFECT REMAINS** 



Photo 37

As per Australian Standard 2870 - Residential slabs and footings, part 6.4.6: "Reinforcement and void formers shall be fixed in position prior to concreting by means of proprietary spacers, bar chairs with bases, ligatures or other appropriate fixings so as to achieve the required reinforcement position and concrete covers."

Other item 1.6.3. 2 flagged

Other item 1.6.3. 1 1 flagged

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

Highlighted pods damaged.







Other item 1.6.3. 2

1 flagged

# **DEFECT REMAINS**

The Rear alfresco step down has been cut back too far into the home theatre by approximately 1200mm, the builder has stacked loose and cut pods, some pods have been damaged due to not being supported properly, engineer to review and RBS to approve.



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Photo 44



Photo 45

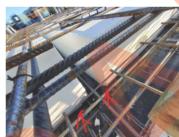


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Photo 47

2.0: MISCELLANEOUS 8 flagged

# 2.1: MAIN SERVICES INCOMING

2 flagged

#### 2.1.2: Water conduit/s installed and secure

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

Not secured to boxing.



Photo 48

Water conduit not installed. As per section 5.6 of AS 2870-Residential slabs and footings "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSES M, H1, H2 AND E SITES" refer to the specific section 5.6 .4 Plumbing requirements:

"(e) Cold water pipes and heated or hot water pipes shall not be installed under a slab, unless the pipes are installed within a conduit so that if the pipe leaks water it will be noticed above the slab

or outside the slab and will not leak unnoticed under the slab.

NOTE: Water service pipes installed under concrete slabs should comply with the relevant requirements of AS/NZS 3500.1. Heated water service pipes installed under concrete slabs should comply with the relevant requirements of AS/NZS 3500.4."

#### 2.1.5: Phone conduit installed/stabilised

DEFECT REMAINS

Not fully secured to boxing.





Photo 50



Photo 51

# 2.2: INTERNAL SERVICES

1 flagged

#### 2.2.2: Smart pans installed

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

Not installed.





# 2.3: VAPOUR BARRIER & DAMP PROOFING **MEMBRANE**

1 flagged

#### 2.3.1: Installed

Cut/damaged vapour barrier to corner of porch





AS 2870-Residential slabs and footings. Part 5.3.3.4(a) of AS 2870 requires the vapour/damp proof membrane to be installed as per the below:

"The sheet shall be placed beneath the slab so that the bottom surface of the slab and beams, including internal beams, is entirely underlaid. The membrane shall extend under the edge beam to ground level;"

# 2.3.2: Taped at pipe penetrations

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

**CLOSED OUT WHILST ONSITE** 

Not taped around penetrations, base material visible.





Photo 57



Photo 58

Refer to the National Construction Code of Australia in particular section 3.2.2.6 Vapour barriers, (b) Installation; A vapour barrier must be installed as follows—: "(ii) tape or seal with a close fitting sleeve around all service penetrations;"

# 3.2.2.6 Vapour barriers

A vapour barrier must be installed under slab-on-ground construction for all Class 1 buildings and for Class 10 buildings where the slab is continuous with the slab of a Class 1 building as follows—

#### (a) Materials

A vapour barrier must be-

- (i) 0.2 mm nominal thickness polyethylene film; and
- (ii) medium impact resistant,

determined in accordance with criteria specified in clause 5.3.3.3 of AS 2870; and

(iii) be branded continuously "AS 2870 Concrete underlay, 0.2 mm Medium impact resistance".

#### (b) Installation

A vapour barrier must be installed as follows—

- (i) lap not less than 200 mm at all joints; and
- (ii) tape or seal with a close fitting sleeve around all service penetrations; and
- (iii) fully seal where punctured (unless for service penetrations) with additional polyethylene film and tape.
- (c) The vapour barrier must be placed beneath the slab so that the bottom surface of the slab is entirely underlaid and extends under edge beams to finish at ground level in accordance with Figure 3.2.2.3.

# 2.4: DIMENSIONS

2 flagged

# 2.4.1: Dimension spot check

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

At the time of the inspection the boxing was incomplete and not locked in, Builder to check all slab dimensions prior to pouring concrete.



Photo 59



Photo 60



Photo 61



Photo 62



Photo 63



Photo 64



Photo 65

Builder/Supervisor to review dimensions prior to pour

# 2.4.2: Sewer/waste approximate locations; Shower/s, Sewer stacks (2 storey), WC/s, Wall hung vanities

**DEFECT REMAINS** 

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Photo 66



Photo 67



Photo 70



Photo 68



Photo 71



Photo 72

Photo 69

Other item 2.5.

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Other item 2.5. 1

#### **DEFECT REMAINS**

The Rear alfresco floor waste has not been installed as pervthe approved plan, Builder to discuss with client if not being installed for a variation to the design.

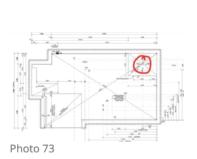




Photo 74

# Other item 2.5. 2

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## **DEFECT REMAINS**

No smart pan installed for the free-standing bath and the waste sticks up above the finished floor level, Builder to ensure the position is correct prior to pouring concrete.



Photo 75

#### **CONCLUSION**

# **LIMITATIONS**



Other limitations as per the "Consultancy Service Agreement"

This report is prepared in accordance with AS 4349.0 - 2007: Inspection of buildings. It 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.

# Conclusion Report completed by 2023 3:52 AEST QUALIFICATIONS: - Registered Building Practitioner