

A helpful checklist for buying a house or apartment in NSW, prepared for you by our exceptional Property Team

- ✓ 50+ years' experience
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- ✓ Personal attention
- ✓ Flexible appointment arrangements
- ✓ Comprehensive advice

The Location	Yes No Check
Does the area have, or will it have, all the amenities you might need (shops, schools, bus, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is it zoned residential?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know the local council's building requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this a flood-prone area? Check council website.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the sewer connected?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the electricity and/or gas connected?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is an internet connection available? (Do you know the connection type? Eg FTTP, FTTN, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there noise in this area (is it near an airport, rail or night-time entertainment)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other nearby facilities that could impact your choice (factories, sewerage plants, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the property too far from your place of employment?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Spend some time walking around the neighbourhood to get a feel for the area and neighbours.	

The Land	Yes No Check
Are there any easements, restrictions or covenants affecting the land that may prevent your development or improvement intentions?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the direction the property faces suitable (what is its orientation)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there steep grading or are there dense trees? If you are considering extensions, you may need to get an engineer's report to assess the block.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is it free from landslip? Check with the local council, and if necessary, obtain an engineer's report.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there backfill, loose boulders or excess water seepage?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If your visit the property shortly after rain, is the ground soggy?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Outside the Building	Yes No Check
Is the paintwork in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the building free from damp? Look for signs of damp around windowsills, on ceilings, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any cracks in the walls?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the roofing, guttering and downpipes in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a garage or carport? Check that your vehicle will fit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there space for trailer, boat, caravan parking now or in the future?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there sufficient parking for friends and family on property or on the street?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there access to the subfloor? Inspectors will need to get under there.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is it possible to extend the property for future needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the property already been extended? If so, has this been approved by council?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there solar panels? If so, are they functioning and what is the system capacity? If not, is there room for solar panels on the roof, free from shading?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If there is a pool, does the fencing comply with safety standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the pool or spa equipment operational and in good order?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are paths, fences and retaining walls all in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Outside the Building	Yes No Check
Is there adequate ventilation under the dwelling? If not, check for dampness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a water tank? If so, is the pump working? If not present, is there room for one?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there visual evidence of termites or other pest activity? Ensure you seek independent profession advice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there fences around the yard? Check if they are in good condition.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If you have pets, is the yard fully fenced and is it of a sufficient size for those pets?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If it is strata managed and you have a pet (or you want a pet in the future) are pets allowed? Check with the agent.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the yard high maintenance? If so, could you properly maintain it?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there items in the garden you wish to remain (water feature, pots, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a shed? Check condition. If not, is there room for a shed?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the yard offer enough privacy?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a clothesline or rail?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there access for landscaping machinery in the future?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there room for future requirements (children, aging parents, home office/business, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Inside the Building	Yes No Check
Are the walls and ceilings in good condition? Remember to check behind furniture.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the floor level and in sound condition? Check for squeaky and springy timber floors and cracks in any concrete.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
What is included in the contract? (air-con, curtains, blinds, lights, appliances, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any inclusions fully paid for and what is their condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the property properly insulated? Check both the ceilings and walls.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there good natural lighting and ventilation in all rooms?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Do the windows and doors open and close properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Inside the Building	Yes No Check
Check the number of power points. Are there enough? Are the suitably located?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the locations of the internet (NBN), telephone, network ports (if applicable) suitable?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are smoke alarms fitted in accordance with relevant laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Will your current or desired furniture fit in the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the doors and passageways wide enough to move furniture through?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate storage throughout (linen cupboards, wardrobes, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the air-conditioning and fans work? Test.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the garage door work? Test.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Kitchen	Yes No Check
Is there sufficient storage and bench space?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Do the cupboards open and close properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Do all built-in appliances work?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Will your current or desired fridge fit?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there room for a microwave?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a dishwasher, or space for one?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the water pressure consistent and is there water hammer? Does water drain quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there sufficient power points for your appliances and is the lighting adequate?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the stove top your preferred type (gas/electricity)? Do they work?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the benchtop your preferred type (Stone, laminate, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

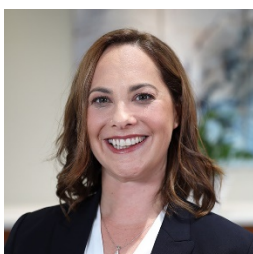
Bathroom	Yes No Check
Is there sufficient ventilation? Is there a window? Is there an exhaust fan? Check to see if there is any paint bubbling.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the shower recess free from leaks? Test to see if water leaks through or under the screen.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there sufficient power points for all your appliances and is the lighting adequate?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there evidence of mould?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there sufficient floor drainage?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the tiles free from cracking?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a mirror? Is it in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there enough cupboards?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there towel rails?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a linen cupboard nearby?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate water pressure in the shower?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Note: When buying property, you should always consider obtaining pest and building reports from licensed inspectors.

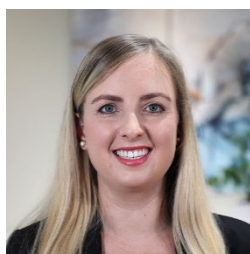
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We take a conservative approach and leave no stone unturned. We help our clients prepare for and protect against any legal situation that could arise in the future.

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