

COMMON TERMS FOUND IN DRAWINGS & PLANS

- 1 **“MM” Measurements on plans:** Usually in millimetres, meaning 1000mm = 1m. For example, a standard shower is usually 900mm (.9m) and an upgraded shower is often 1200mm (1.2m)
- 2 **Elevations:** put simply, it's the side view of your home or internal rooms. It's a two-dimensional representation that shows the vertical view of a building, kitchen, bathroom, etc including the heights and features of those respective areas. For example, a Kitchen elevation will show the placement and dimension of cupboards, draws, appliances, benches, etc.
- 3 **Eaves:** Building eaves are the horizontal edges of a roof that overhang beyond the walls, providing protection from weather elements and enhancing architectural aesthetics.
- 4 **Awning window:** Mainly found on facades, it's the window that opens outwards, not sliding.
- 5 **WIP:** Walk in pantry
- 6 **REF:** Refrigerator space
- 7 **MW:** Microwave space
- 8 **DW:** Dishwasher or dishwasher space
- 9 **WM:** Washing machine space
- 10 **DR:** Draw
- 11 **CSD:** Cavity sliding door pr might note “SD” for sliding door
- 12 **WIR:** Walk in robe
- 13 **WIL:** Walk in linen
- 14 **WC:** Water closet or in simple terms, a toilet
- 15 **ENS:** Ensuite
- 16 **LIN:** Linen usually means 4 x shelves
- 17 **BRM or BR:** Broom cupboard which usually means 1 x shelf like a bedroom robe.
- 18 **RA:** Return air, which is essentially a ventilation system component that allows air to flow back to the heating or cooling unit for reconditioning.
- 19 **Bulkhead:** Sometimes noted as b'head on plans, this is just a dropped section of plaster roofing usually in a hallway or passage, but also sometimes found as an upgrade to a kitchen.
- 20 **HWS:** Hot water service - sometimes noted as HWU for hot water unit.
- 21 **GM:** Gas meter
- 22 **MB:** Metre box
- 23 **DP:** Downpipe
- 24 **OBS:** Obscure glazing or frosted window
- 25 **Niche:** Usually referred to as a shower niche, essentially it's an inbuilt square or rectangular shelf into the wall for you to put shampoo, etc on. Also common for a TV niche to be chosen, meaning there's essentially a large cut-out in the wall that enables you to put the TV in that section so finishes level or flush with the rest of the plaster wall around it.
- 26 **GPO:** General power outlet - in other words, a powerpoint. Check if it is single or double and check the height also.
- 27 **Sewer stack:** a vertical pipe that carries wastewater and sewage from upper-level fixtures down to the main sewer line or septic system.