

A General Overview of Termite Management

If you have a current termite problem in your home a full termite inspection should be carried out prior to any treatment being implemented. A written report with a Treatment Proposal and options for termite control suited to your property will be included.

Initial termite control methods are mainly carried out by dusting of termite activity or baiting of termite activity. While dusting of termite activity should control the termite activity that is present, for it to give the optimum chance of colony elimination many termites have to be treated with the termiticide dust. In a lot of cases there are insufficient numbers of termites to dust. Consideration should then be given to termite baiting which, when successful will indirectly eliminate the termite colony.

The type of construction of your building and the design of your building on your site will help to determine what type of termite management system is most suited for you.

Split level homes or homes on sloping sites with high run-off may be more suited to a termite monitoring and termite baiting system. In some cases it might be the ONLY practical and logical approach.

Termite monitoring and baiting systems may also be the preferred option for you regardless, if the site is not suited to a liquid termiticide treatment.



A loam soil on a flat block where you are able to trench (and treat) down to the house footings would appear to be the ideal site for a liquid termiticide barrier or treated zone around the perimeter. Unfortunately, in most cases it is rare to find this situation.

Soil types, if there is soil present, can vary from clay to sand to rocky substrate on various types of building blocks (flat, sloping, multi-level) with concrete paths etc covering all or some areas of soil on the perimeter regardless of the projected life expectancy given by the manufacturers of termite control products, the better they are applied, the longer they will last to minimise the risk of termite attack on your building. Liquid termiticides need to bind with the soil to allow them to reach their projected life expectancy. This is a very important point when you are considering what treatment option is best for

your particular situation. While it is not always possible, elimination of the termite colony or colonies should be the goal. This relieves the termite pressure on your home.

The products currently used for termite management, either post or pre- construction are many and varied, e.g. liquids, dusts, baits, stainless steel mesh, reticulation systems, materials impregnated with termiticides e.g. HomeGuard, Kordon ... the list goes on and on. All of the above is only a very general overview of post-construction termite management. Call us to discuss the termite management options that would best suit your needs.