

Timber in Contact with Soil

When timber is in direct contact with the soil, there is the very real possibility that termites could gain entry to a structure via this point.

This usually occurs after the house has been built and decks or patios are added onto the property.



◀ Here the pergola post has a stirrup, however the soil has been allowed to build up around the base. This results in termites gaining access to the house as they are able to "bridge" any termite barriers that are in place.

Here is an area of concern, as lattice is in contact with the soil, plus there is a leaky tap which has been a problem for some time, evident by the stain on the brickwork. The dampness would attract termites and could gain access to the house via the lattice which is bypassing the ant caps.



◀ Lattice is used in many homes to block access to subfloors. Care should be taken that it does not come in contact with the soil if it is attached to the house.