



## WHY CONTINUE WITH TERMITE MONITORING?

The first year of the termite-baiting program is nearing conclusion and you are no doubt interested in what happens next.

Termite problems need to be managed on a regular basis.

Exopest carried out a termite inspection when you commenced the initial termite baiting and monitoring program, and as with most specialized treatments they almost always begin with inspection or consultation to determine the current state of things. The Australian Standard also recommends regular inspections at **least** on an annual basis. We conform to these standards and strongly suggest that at the very least another termite inspection be performed on or as close to the anniversary date (12 months since the last inspection).

### Timber Pest Inspections assess:

1. Evidence of any new termite infestations.
2. Severity of termite damaged timbers.
3. Susceptibility of building to new infestation.
4. Further remedial and protective measures required.
5. Further investigations if required.



**Items to be inspected:** Exopest inspectors will familiarize themselves with the overall locality, previous sites of infestation and inspect those parts of the property that allow reasonable access. Our inspectors will use the latest technology including Tramex moisture meter, tap sounding device and may need to use the Termatrac (microwave used to sense movement in timber). Exopest will include an assessment of each of the following areas:



- The interior of the building (excluding furniture and stored items).
- The exterior of the building.
- The roof space (if accessible).
- The subfloor space (if accessible).
- The site (including trees, stumps, timbers embedded in the soil) within 50m of the premises and within the boundary.



**Note.** The continued monitoring and future use of the extrera requiem bait, can only occur if you have this inspection done each year.

### Registration fee

Exopest use Ensystem products, which include the bait stations, focus (the attractant) and the requiem bait used to control termite infestations. They charge a yearly registration fee to enable pest control operators to use their technology and products. It must be continuous and if not taken up within 2 months of the expiring anniversary date it will be automatically cancelled from their listings. We pass this fee directly to you the client, but have attempted to assist in making this more affordable, by having you become involved in the checking of the bait stations. However to recommence the monitoring after you have been removed from the Ensystem listing, the registration fee is considerably more expensive and Exopest can quote you that rate on request.

**You unfortunately cannot have just the registration and monitoring on its own.**

## If you want to continue with monitoring the termite bait stations

After having the full inspection, our technician will then inspect each in-ground bait station for any signs of termite activity. He will then replace the timber interceptors within each station and add a product called "focus", which simulates rotting timbers and will attract termites within 2 metres of the station, away from the house into the station. If necessary we will add extra stations to ensure the house is protected as best as practical. Some homes have restrictions, such as abutting properties or concrete is surrounding the house, so some stations may be placed around sleepers, strategically in gardens or the base of suspect trees.

### How do I check the stations?

Our Technician will give you a key to enable you to check the stations; he will explain what to look for and suggest they all be checked at 2-3 month intervals. Should termites be located during one of your checks, or in the building, we have protected, (*providing it was not a monitoring only quote*) you then simply contact Exopest to take control of managing the infestation.

**We will return at no further cost to you** and add bait to the effected station or install new stations to where termites have been located. We will continue to check and replenish the stations until we have 3 consecutive visits of non-feeding, in which case we can then declare that infestation **Dead. However** If monitoring only proposal then Exopest will charge a fee until the nest can be declared dead (up to 6 visits). You then go back to inspecting the stations yourself at the 2-3 month intervals.



### What if I can't check the stations myself?



If you live, at another location, or your property is tenanted, or you simply don't have the time to check the bait stations, Exopest can arrange to do this on your behalf for a quoted quarterly fee, (check with our office for costing).

### How long do I keep checking?

Termites have been in existence since pre historic times and have shown extreme durability and possess the ability to adapt to changes. The colony has a flight every year where thousands of reproductive's leave the nest and fly off to establish new nests. Fortunately most die, but it only takes two, to start a new nest in that area and we have termites capable of again inflicting damage and heartache. So again we strongly suggest that you continue indefinitely to monitor the stations so early detection can prevent future damage to one of your most cherished possessions. Exopest will send you a yearly reminder letter to assist you in remembering to have the annual inspection, however if for some reason you haven't received a letter, feel free to call our office and we will gladly arrange it.



### Early detection can prevent this from happening to your building

