



## TERMICOAT: Your Trusted, NCC-Compliant Termite Management Solution

The Australian Environmental Pest Management Association (AEPMA), a non-regulatory industry body, has raised concerns about the use of boron compounds in termite management. For builders and certifiers, it's essential to distinguish fact from misconception and select solutions that fully comply with the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022. Termicoat delivers a proven, science-backed solution that meets regulatory standards, offering robust protection for both builders and homeowners.

### Addressing AEPMA's Claims with Clarity

AEPMA has suggested that only ABCB CodeMark® certified systems provide adequate security for termite management and has questioned the use of boron compounds like those in Termicoat. Let's clarify the facts:

- **CodeMark® Is Not Mandatory:** The NCC 2022 does not require CodeMark® certification. Builders and certifiers should focus on products professionally assessed against NCC standards, as Termicoat has been.
- **Boron Compliance with AS3660.1:2014:** AEPMA claims that boron compounds do not comply with Section 7 of the Australian Standard AS3660.1:2014, which addresses chemical application to impervious surfaces. This is incorrect. Termicoat's formulation and application methods have been assessed by certified compliance experts under AS3600.3:2014—a standard that allows products not explicitly covered in AS3660.1:2014 to be investigated, tested, and assessed for compliance. This process, conducted by Termicoat's assessors, confirms that Termicoat meets AS3660.1:2014 requirements, including for new building work.
- **APVMA Label Approval:** AEPMA suggests that boron compounds lack APVMA approval for termite protection in new dwellings. This is false. Termicoat's APVMA registration (No. 89414/124752) explicitly approves its use on mortar, concrete, and timber for termite management in new construction, directly contradicting AEPMA's claim. Certifiers can request a copy of our APVMA label for verification.

### Why Termicoat Stands Out

Termicoat is a Deemed-To-Satisfy (DTS) termite management solution under NCC 2022 Volume 2, Section 3.4.2, meaning it meets code requirements without additional certification. Here's why builders trust Termicoat:

- **Independent Validation:** Assessed by a leading Australian entomologist and a certified engineer specializing in NCC compliance, ensuring Termicoat meets the highest industry standards.
- **Proven Track Record:** Trusted by hundreds of builders across more than 10,000 projects over the past decade, with zero reported failures in treated areas.
- **APVMA-Approved Chemistry:** Registered (No. 89414/124752) for use on mortar, concrete, and timber, in full accordance with AS3660.1:2014 for termite management in new building work.
- **Life of Building Warranty:** Termicoat offers a life of building warranty on treated primary structural elements, ensuring long-term protection against termite damage for the entire lifespan of the structure.



## Addressing Financial and Homeowner Concerns

AEPMA warns of financial risks and potential homeowner misconceptions with boron-based systems. Termicoat directly addresses these concerns:

- **Minimized Financial Risk:** With a life of building warranty on treated primary structural elements, Termicoat ensures that builders and homeowners are protected from the costs of termite damage. Our decade-long track record of zero failures in treated areas further reduces liability for builders.
- **Transparency for Homeowners:** We provide builders with homeowner guides that clearly explain Termicoat's termite protection, including steps homeowners can take to further mitigate risk. This transparency ensures homeowners understand the robust defense their property receives, preventing misconceptions and fostering trust.
- **Support for Builders:** Termicoat's compliance with NCC and APVMA standards minimizes legal and financial risks for builders, giving you confidence in your termite management choice.

## AEPMA's Oversight and Double Standards

AEPMA's critique of boron compounds overlooks significant issues within its own membership:

- **Non-Compliant Member Products:** Some AEPMA members use products that fail to meet NCC visibility requirements, such as sheeting not installed to the exterior edge of brickwork, creating non-compliance risks for builders.
- **Hypocrisy in Chemical Use:** AEPMA criticizes the application of chemicals to impervious surfaces while ignoring its members' use of products like TermSeal Multi-Active and Flick termiticides. These products are often applied to concrete in ways that may not be fit for purpose or properly installed, potentially contravening Clause 7 of AS3660.1:2014—the very standard AEPMA cites against boron compounds.
- **Inconsistent Enforcement:** In states like NSW and Victoria, AEPMA's inconsistent enforcement of guidelines allows non-compliant installations to persist, potentially leaving homeowners with inadequate protection.
- **Non-Regulatory Status:** While AEPMA positions itself as an authority, it remains a non-regulatory body. Builders should prioritize guidance from the APVMA and NCC—standards Termicoat fully meets.

We encourage AEPMA to address these issues to better serve the industry and the public.

## Empowering Builders with Knowledge

AEPMA emphasizes the importance of due diligence, and we agree. To support builders in making informed decisions, Termicoat offers:

- **Compliance Documentation:** Upon request, certifiers can receive our compliance report, which includes APVMA label details and NCC compliance documentation. (Note: Research data and other reports are not available for distribution.)
- **Expert Consultation:** Our team is available to discuss Termicoat's independent assessments and compliance, ensuring you have the information needed to choose with confidence.



### **Choose Termicoat with Confidence**

- NCC 2022 Compliant
- Backed by Science and Independent Assessments
- Trusted by Builders Across 10,000+ Projects
- Life of Building Warranty on Treated Primary Structural Elements

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