



## General considerations

- Have you consulted your local council regarding permits and requirements?  Yes  No
- Do you live in a bushfire prone area?  Yes  No  
*If so, the design for your pergola will be dependent on your house's 'Bushfire Attack Level', or BAL.*
- Do you live in a cyclone prone area?  
*If so, your pergola will need to be designed to account for the potential winds it may experience, and will need to comply with the cyclone code. Pergolas with roofs are likely to require extra reinforcement.*
- What sort of pergola do you intend to build?  
(tick more than one if necessary)
  - Cladded pergola  Yes  No
  - Open-top pergola  Yes  No
  - Gabled pergola  Yes  No
  - Pitched pergola  Yes  No
  - Sail pergola  Yes  No
- Are you building on reactive soil?  Yes  No  
*Structures built on reactive soil may need specially designed footings.*
- What sorts of utility connections will be required to your pergola?
  - Electricity  Yes  No
  - Gas  Yes  No
  - Water  Yes  No
  - None  Yes  No
- Are you planning on getting builders in or doing it yourself?
  - Builders  Yes  No
  - DIY  Yes  No
- What material are you going to use for the pergola frame?
  - Timber  Yes  No
  - Steel  Yes  No
  - Other  Yes  No
- Are the fastenings you're using a minimum of hot-dip galvanised steel for weather protection?  Yes  No
- Are you going to paint, stain or leave your pergola natural?
  - Paint  Yes  No
  - Stain  Yes  No
  - None  Yes  No
  - Other  Yes  No





- Are you planning on including a roof or other covering?
  - Fully clad  Yes  No
  - Partially clad  Yes  No
  - Shaded  Yes  No
  - Other

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*Heavier roof claddings will change your pergola's structural requirements, and may require special fastenings if you're building in a cyclone or highly wind-prone area.*

- Are you planning on including a gable?  Yes  No
- Do you need to make allowances for trellises for vines?  Yes  No
- Has the site been adequately cleared?  Yes  No

*Poor site preparation may lead to soil re-settling after the pergola has been installed and cause damage or instability.*

- Have you allowed for site drainage?  Yes  No
- Will your pergola be built to accommodate trees or other large flora?  Yes  No

*Remember that trees can cause damage to decking in a number of ways - both above ground and with their roots.*

- Have you guarded properly against termites and insects?  Yes  No
- Will you need any lighting installed?  Yes  No

