8: Detailing openings
Horizontal cladding

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Head detail section
- Vertical batten
- Breather membrane lapped over flashing
- Insect mesh
- Vapour control layer
- > 15mm gap
- Compressed foam sealing tape
- Metal flashing

Typical detail of window in horizontal cladding. The drawings show a timber frame wall. Detailing will be similar for other forms of wall construction.

When detailing openings in timber clad walls, consider the dimensional relationship between the apertures and board sizes, where the board width or overlap may have to be varied to accommodate the opening. This is particularly relevant to vertical board on board cladding. Boards that have been trimmed should be preservative treated and have any end grain sealed with a proprietary clear end grain sealer.

Jamb detail plan
- Breather membrane
- Vapour control layer
- 8mm gap
- Compressed foam sealing tape

Cill detail section
- Extended cill
- 12mm gap
- Insect mesh
- Vertical batten
- Breather membrane
- Vapour control layer