

## FURNITURE PLACEMENTS AUSTRALIA - ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Furniture Placements Australia, its partners, contractors and employees, actively adopt sustainable environmental and preservation methods in our own work practices and accordingly, reducing landfill and minimising impact on natural resources are goals for everyone to achieve.

Furniture Placements strategies and objectives incorporate innovative modern methods in design and planning which promotes product and material sustainability, efficiency, energy conservation and retention, recycling and reuse with an emphasis on price and end-use efficiencies for consumers and clients alike.

Being "green" doesn't need to be difficult, nor expensive and reducing our footprint can be done in little steps.

Furniture Placements has methods to plan, assist and even finance "green" fit outs via our hire and hire purchase facility. All the elements of fit out, including conservation of water, electricity, heating and of course furniture and fit out can be incorporated into Furniture Placements package while being user friendly and tax deductible to you, the client .

The fit out and furniture industry has taken great steps to assist in the cause and standard practise of manufacturing and supply. Some suppliers have undertaken manufacturing of specific products and accreditation and incorporate products and endorsements such as Ecowool®, Leanwool®, textiles manufactured from recycled products and products that have received Environmental Choice Australia accreditation and licensing. Furniture manufactured from plantation timbers and manufactured board from recycled product is becoming the norm in the industry and adopted with aplomb as both an environmental and economical choice.

Simple examples of Furniture Placements' products and services offered include but are not limited to -

- Use of natural and renewable fibres, in lieu of petrochemical fabrics and plastics
- Environmental choice awarded products
- Use of reusable aluminium in lieu of chromium and urethane
- Nil or nominal use of MDF or imported board (Containing formaldehyde)
- Reuse and refurbishment of materials and products in lieu of new products
- Design and planning to maximise/minimise heating, cooling, sound and space
- Use of Australian plantation timbers, and recycled board in lieu of solid and nil use of old hardwood growth timber
- Leathers and hides are chromium free, nil imported products
- Promote suppliers with environmental and conservations systems in place (specifically mills) where the use of dyes, chlorine and waste water is minimised and water treatment is managed and reused.
- Nil direct use of imported products from third world or countries where labour and environmental treaties and agreements are not utilised.
- In house recycling and paper management.
- Use of modern efficient vehicles and gas powered vehicles where available, pooled services (especially deliveries)
- Request for reduced packaging on supplied products where feasible and practical

Furniture Placements Australia Pty Ltd is proud of its contribution, and will continue to address issues of environmental sustainability. The furniture and fit out industry in its practice to furnish and fit small business and corporations alike has many opportunities to alleviate economic, product and environmental waste and landfill as well as provide sustainable options for businesses to refurbish and upgrade thus minimising its impact and footprint on the environment as a whole.