
Stylecraft Environmental Policy



Leading the industry, Stylecraft was the **first commercial furniture company** in Australia to become **carbon neutral** and now offers over **500 environmentally certified products**.

In this policy, we outline how sustainability and environmental responsibility are **embedded within Stylecraft** at present and our plan for the **future**.

MISSION

Stylecraft are committed to being a leader of sustainable practice within the furniture industry. We understand our social and environmental responsibilities and are constantly working to develop more sustainable and responsible production of our products. By complying with relevant legislation and regulations and continually improving work practices and procedures that affect the environment, we strive to achieve these goals. Our long term goals related to meaningful environmental practice and reduction of carbon footprint will continue to evolve and progress through a focus on due diligence and remaining up-to-date with the latest environmentally responsible opportunities. Our aim is to ensure Stylecraft's long-term impact on the environment is negligible.

INITIATIVES

Waste Minimisation & Energy Management

All paper and cardboard packaging is recycled by the use of local waste recycling bins. Where possible, original packaging is re-used for local distribution until the end of its useful life when it is recycled. Any plastic bags or materials used in the manufacturers packaging are either re-used for local distribution or recycled using local waste recycling bins. All office supplies used are sent for recycling where possible. Stylecraft have also committed to CitySwitch to improve office energy and waste efficiency within our company.

Supplier Management

Stylecraft aim to work with suppliers who are committed to sustainable production; reflecting our own commitment to a better world and creation of healthier work place environments. We will only contract manufacturers who have a current and acceptable EMS policy that includes waste and materials minimisation strategies. We endeavour to work only with manufacturers who meet Australian and international environmental standards with a commitment to ecological sustainability.

Product Certification

Stylecraft gives priority to companies with ISO 14001 and products carrying independent Eco Label accreditation. We have also made a commitment to certification processes and have independently attained Eco Label accreditation such as GECA, AFRDI Green Tick & Ecospecifier Global Green Tag for a substantial selection of our product range.

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Awareness & Advocacy

The team at Stylecraft take a sustainable approach to managing our business in an environmentally responsible manner and work to enhance the communities in which we operate and influence. Our aim is to ensure that our employees understand the importance of incorporating these considerations into their daily business activities. To further develop this commitment, we have employed an in-house Sustainability Leader who is responsible for product certification, accreditation and to ensure best practice is maintained throughout the company. As a Greenstar Associate, the role involves keeping up to date with local & international environmental standards and to increase understanding of environmental issues within the industry.

Community Engagement & Australian Design

Stylecraft has organised and hosted annual fundraising events involving the furniture industry to raise money to support Cancer Council research. Managing Director, Anthony Collins, championed and continues to take an active role in the Authentic Design Alliance which supports original Australian design. For over 20 years, Stylecraft have been committed to Australian design and the growth of local talent, as well as working with local manufacturers, craftspeople and artisans. We work with local designers and manufacturers with the goal of supporting the Australian design community long-term and reducing the impact upon the environment related to packaging and shipping.

Carbon Neutral

Stylecraft are aware that as we employ more staff, open new showrooms and grow our business, so too does our carbon footprint. In 2007, Stylecraft became Australia's first carbon neutral commercial furniture company and over the past 10 years we have been neutralising our carbon emissions by purchasing green energy credits through South Pole Group (formerly Climate Friendly™). Since 2007 Stylecraft has offset a total of 5,096 tonnes of CO₂e. This is equivalent to taking 1,532 cars off the road or powering 863 Australian houses for a year. The carbon finance from the purchase of these credits has supported the protection of 7,666 hectares of native Tasmanian Forest by providing incentives to avoid logging.

United Nations Global Compact

In 2017, Stylecraft were proud to formalise our commitment to environmental and social responsibility by becoming a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact, as well as becoming a member of the Global Compact Network Australia. The UNGC is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative in the world and addresses human and labour rights, environment and anti-corruption. Stylecraft has made a commitment to address the Ten Principles of the Global Compact by continually improving our environmental policies and will review this policy on a yearly basis.