

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Artefact Industries is a product design company that manufactures lighting fixtures in Melbourne, Australia.

Being environmentally responsible is a core focus of our business as we aim to create lighting that benefits people and the environment. This is demonstrated through our commitment to manufacturing our products locally. Having a local supply chain enables us to source and trace materials that meet the high standards required for producing our ethical and sustainable products.

We are passionate about working with clients to achieve Green Star Certification on their projects. Our lighting products are consciously designed with serviceability and durability in mind to ensure we are contributing to a sustainable solution and not adding to the landfill waste problem.

We know that a strong, healthy and committed team is vital to maintaining our sustainable and ethical company culture. For this reason we always strive to provide the safest, healthiest and most productive work environment for our people.

Below is a list of the processes and principles we currently employ to achieve our environmental objectives:

- Locally made product. The large majority of our suppliers are located within 20 minutes from our factory. Less transport = less carbon emissions.
- Made to order production. Nothing is made that isn't required, minimising the risk of unnecessary and obsolete items ending up in landfill. We stock just the right amount of parts in order to balance good pricing with good practice.
- Seek feedback and collaborate with our customers in the Architectural and Design Industry to create products which reflect market requirements rather than creating products for products sake.
- Ensure we are utilising the latest, most efficient and ecologically responsible lighting technologies.
- We always aim to align ourselves with suppliers and sales partners who share our environmental and social values.
- Re-use and recycling of packaging. In the process of fabricating our products, we deal with supply chain packaging. We have implemented a system of up-cycling this packaging material wherever possible. Any paper waste from our office is shredded on site and used in product packaging.
- We also 'pack to order', meaning we pack orders as efficiently as possible, minimising the need for numerous individual boxes and excessive volume when shipping.
- We are constantly seeking more efficient and low impact packaging technology.
- Parts damaged during the production process are repaired and reused or re-purposed where possible.

- Responsible disposal of all waste. We utilise E-waste collection of all used light globes, electronics, printer cartridges. We also disassemble any of our waste products to ensure any parts that can be recycled, are recycled.
- Where possible we aim to source refurbished/second hand equipment for our factory, and second hand, authentic designer office furniture.
- Product life cycle accountability. We will accept all used and faulty products purchased through us in order to dispose of properly or up-cycle where possible.
- We can provide chain of custody certification for any natural timbers we use in our products.
- We engage an independent MIES “Qualified Person” to produce any lighting plans. We provide peace of mind that lighting designs are considered and evaluated for efficiency. Importantly, our use of an independent consultant ensures that we do not over-supply lighting products to projects
- For our energy provider we use Powershop, Australia’s greenest power company which is 100% carbon neutral.
- We use eco-cleaning services for office and factory, which means non-toxic cleaning products and strong encouragement of recycling and proper waste disposal.
- We actively promote our company policies to help educate and improve consumers choices and the impact their decisions can have on our environment and community.

Artefact Industries is committed to this policy, which is reviewed quarterly to ensure we are always improving our commitment to responsible environmental and social practices.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our policy. We all have the ability, and responsibility, to minimise our impact on the Earth in order to keep it pristine and liveable for our families and future generations.

Yours sincerely,



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