

Project Lead Team - The Australasian Furnishing Association

Patrizia Torelli; CEO



Angela Goode; Project Manager



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The Australasian Furnishing Association (AFA) is the peak Australian industry association for the furniture sector supply chain. Collectively the industry employs more than 250,000 Australians.

The AFA is committed to ensuring Australian furnishing industry businesses focus on building competitive and sustainable business models to promote profitable growth, innovation, and export readiness.

The AFA is the recognised voice of the Furnishing Industry by government, media and the Australian public.

Jamie Durie OAM, AFA Ambassador



Durie is a committed environmentalist working with numerous organizations dedicated to conservation and environmental responsibility. Some of these organizations include The United Nations World Environment Day, The Australian Conservation Foundation, Greening Australia, Planet Arc (National Tree Day, 17 years), FSC (USA & Australia), Green Peace, Earth Hour and many more. In 2008, Durie was one of 200 selected in Australia to be trained by former Vice President Al Gore as a Climate Change Presenter. Through this he is updated with the latest statistics quarterly. The organization has now touched millions through ambassadors globally. It is now titled The Climate Reality Project. He also hosted the Australian

Conservation Foundation's Spirituality and Sustainability Forum with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and is an ambassador of the Australasian Furnishing Association, and Ambassador & former board member of the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation, Sydney.

Rose Read; Product Stewardship Advisor



Rose thrives on delivering practical sustainability solutions in collaboration with industry, government and the community. She has worked extensively in electronics product stewardship, successfully implementing MobileMuster – Australia's leading mobile phone recycling program over a ten-year period. Rose also headed-up MRI PSO Pty Ltd, an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme. In August 2018 she commenced as CEO of the National Waste and Recycling Industry Council. Rose also holds the title of Adjunct Professor with the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology, Sydney and is co-founder and director of the Ewaste Watch Institute, a not for profit organisation focussed on accelerating electronics sustainability in Australia.

TASKFORCE DELEGATES



Ian Burton; General Manager
Dr Lee Bowkett; Team Leader - Sustainability and Standards
Furntech AFRDI

The Australasian Furnishing Research and Development Institute is an independent not-for-profit technical organisation providing standards, testing, product certification and research for buyers and sellers of furniture

**Anna Carrabs; CEO,
David Hardwick; Global Head of Product,
Sebastian Nash; Fabric & Textile Development Manager
Mandy Duggan; King Care Manager
King Living**



Since 1977, King Living has been at the forefront of Australian Furniture Design. King Living is committed to environmental sustainability throughout the product design, manufacturing and packaging processes. In addition to using recyclable and biodegradable materials, King Living is constantly looking for new ways to improve environmental sustainability.

Cedric Deleu; General Manager, Bekaert Deslee



Good quality sleep is what makes us tick, but how we affect the people and the planet is just as important. Corporate Responsibility has been an essential part of BekaertDeslee and is deeply rooted in our culture. Our corporate sustainability report describes our journey towards a sustainable future.

Simon Dorries, CEO, Responsible Wood



Responsible Wood are committed to protecting and promoting Australia's unique environments with standards that ensure a forest industry that is environmentally, socially, culturally and commercially sustainable. They pioneered the development of certification standards for wood and wood products sourced from sustainably managed forests in Australia.

Rob Gell & Justin MacFarlane; Executive Directors, ReThink Sustainability



ReThink Sustainability's objective is to assist businesses, government and consumers globally, to accelerate the adoption of integrated, outcome-oriented sustainable practices.

Jo Fallshaw; Managing Director, Fallshaw Group



Jo Fallshaw joined Fallshaw Wheels & Castors in 1997 continuing the 100 year tradition of developing innovative products, and manufacturing well-designed, cost effective, quality castors, delivered in-full and on-time with great service and technical support.

Stuart Gardiner; Managing Director, Slumber Corp



Our mission is to harness cutting-edge technology to provide customers with innovative products that create a great sleep experience and maintain top-notch customer service through agile methodologies and global delivery models while contributing to the community at large.

John Gomas; National Business Manager, Dunlop Foams



Dunlop Foams are a leading supplier of industrial and consumer foams. Committed to bringing the best foam products while also caring for the environment, Dunlop products are used for a diverse range of needs that include bedding, furniture, healthcare, sports, packaging, transport, cleaning as well as custom made to order.

Katie Derrett; Head of Production, NORA



The National Online Retailers Association (NORA) is an influential business network providing a fresh outlook and a balanced, optimistic view of retail in Australia. The NORA community is made up of all kinds of businesses – small to large pure-play and multichannel retailers, multi-nationals, as well as service and solution providers.

Jo Pearson- Media and Video Production



International broadcaster, journalist and media communications strategist, Jo Pearson and her team provide high level media services to the AFA including strategic media advice, imaginative creative treatments, high-end post-production and camera skills training and refreshers for key spokespersons.

Stephen Burgum; General Manager, Subodh Kharet; Head of Engineering & Dr Mirek Peichowski; Audit Partner - Empower Solco



Empower are an Australian owned company that is constantly looking for new and smarter ways to help our customers reduce their energy bills. They are fiercely independent and see themselves as active agents for positive change.

Tony Rogers; Director, Woods Furniture



AFRDI Green Tick Certified, Woods products must be shown to meet the requirements of AFRDI Standard 150:2012 Sustainability Standard – Commercial Furniture. Woods Furniture is committed to minimising the harmful impacts to the environment.

Bill Rooney; CEO, 6one5 Retail Consulting and Cultivar Group - The Retail & Sales Strategist



6one5 is a leading consulting group that specialises in retail and consumer markets. 6one5 offers consulting and training programs aimed at improving retail and business profitability.

Andreas Reyl; Sustainability Specialist, Neste



Professional specialities include the delivery of environmental and corporate social responsibility initiatives, including data and report analysis, waste auditing, stakeholder relations, event planning, and numerous facets of project managerial excellence.

David Sapuppo; Director, Comfort Sleep



Committed to keeping our society and environment healthy and happy, *Comfort Sleep* genuinely care about our people, our environment and future generations to come. We do our very best to be socially responsible in everything we do ~ like recycling the timber, metal and cardboard we use in our mattresses as well as re-purposing our foams and fabrics.

Michael Sharpe: AMGC- National Director Industry



The purpose of AMGC is to transform Australian Manufacturing to be more globally competitive and generate the demands for jobs. Manufacturing is undergoing a dramatic transformation, worldwide. Manufacturers are creatively diversifying their focus across different stages of the manufacturing process, both before and after goods are produced. More Australian manufacturers are recognising the need to compete on value rather than cost. This involves contributing innovative products, components or services within global supply chains.

Omer Soker; CEO, NACRO



The National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations enables member charities in the retail, reuse and recycling sector to maximise their economic, environmental and social impact. NACRO collaborates with State Governments to support the charitable recycling sector with waste levy exemptions, relief and rebates, as well as targeted interventions to reduce dumping, and innovations to increase reuse and recycling. NACRO also drives growth in the \$500 million charity op shop sector, where second-hand retail proceeds drive the social welfare programs of some of Australia's best loved charities.

Sarah Wilson; Honours Student at the University of New South Wales (Canberra) at the Australian Defence Force Academy (UNSW-ADFA).



Research Study Title: Examining Illegal Logging in the South Pacific and Regulatory Implications for Australia.