



Product Stewardship & Environmental Policy



PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

Kingfisher Library™ and Abax Kingfisher Pty Ltd recognise the impact that its business and manufacturing operations can have on the environment, its customers, employees, and neighbours. We are passionately committed to the protection of the environment, prevention of pollution, ensuring the health and safety of our employees, and wellbeing of our customers and neighbours.

We are committed to the protection of the environment and the continuous improvement of it through the reduction of our environmental impacts. This commitment applies to the whole of our business and the businesses we choose to contract.

Environmental Policy

- a. We are certified to ISO 14001 the International Standard for Environmental Management.
- b. Establish programmes to achieve agreed environmental targets and objectives. Provide training to all employees to perform duties in an environmentally responsible manner.
- c. Plan for and conduct site operations in a manner that safeguards health, while minimising environmental impacts and optimising resource utilisation.
- d. Continually work to reduce or eliminate harmful releases to the environment by minimising waste and emissions and by utilising environmentally friendly technology.
- e. Actively source and market eco-friendly products, promoting reuse and recycling via the use of products able to be recycled.
- f. Promote commitment to the environment by making copies of this policy available to employees, customers, and suppliers.
- g. Acknowledge responsibility for our products through our Full Life Cycle management plan.

Our Products and the Environment

- a. Our quality products are designed for extended life and longer replacement intervals. We offer a lifetime warranty on most of our products.
- b. Kingfisher Library™ is a knockdown modular system and is easily disassembled and rebuilt into different configurations. This facilitates re-use.
- c. We offer full Life Cycle management for all our products.
- d. Our primary timber panel supplier has ISO 14001 Certification, Australian Forestry Standard Chain of Custody Certification and Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody Certification. This certification and information are available upon request.
- e. We use timber panels from Australian manufacturers with Green Star and Green Tag accreditation.
- f. We offer Third Party Certified environmentally friendly fabrics for furniture.



Our Initiatives

- a. Abax uses 100% Green Power and has done since 2005. Our Office and warehouse have a large solar panel system which produces a significant and at times complete power supply to our operation.
- b. We recycle 100% of our waste steel.
- c. We use environmentally sound packaging such as cardboard and recyclable shrink wraps.
- d. We re-use pallets, boxes, cardboard, and bubble wrap wherever possible
- e. Cardboard that cannot be re-used are separated and recycled.
- f. All packaging that is used for installations is reused or recycled.

Full Life Cycle Policy

All our steel products including Kingfisher Library™ are 100% recyclable. We are frequently asked if there is an aftermarket for old shelving when replacement is required. We advise that contacting local charitable organisations can sometimes match a second life user to your shelving. This is the best outcome as it does not involve recycling energy inputs or significant transportation costs. If local re-use cannot be achieved there are two options:

1. Contact your local steel recycler and they will usually collect the shelving or provide a skip at no charge.
2. Contact Abax Kingfisher and where practically possible we will arrange for it to be collected. We will then return the product to our factory for refurbishment or we will recycle.