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## PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP POLICY

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### **Forbo Flooring Systems Australia - Product Stewardship Policy**

Forbo Flooring Systems Australia is committed to responsible product life cycle management and the core principles of product stewardship and manufacturer responsibility.

As a manufacturer and supplier of linoleum (Marmoleum, floor coverings and surface finishes (Bulletin Board, Furniture linoleum)), our responsibility extends to our products during and beyond the end of their useful life.

#### **Recycling and diverting from landfill**

Forbo Flooring systems Australia on a project by project basis will contractually take back all Forbo linoleum products for reprocessing into new product or recycled. The conditions of project collection will be negotiated by both parties and define the requirements for material, de installation and return. Forbo operates its own recycle bins and has recommended third parties who can collect material from building sites.

#### **Unique Energy Source – High Calorific Output**

Marmoleum is 97% renewable and non-toxic when burning and therefore can be safely used as a raw material input for process engineered fuel. Marmoleum generates more energy per M2 when used for energy generation than the amount of energy used to create Marmoleum per m2. This system complies with the Australian Government Clean Energy regulator under the emissions reduction fund.

#### **Biodegradable option**

Marmoleum, Bulletin Board, Furniture Linoleum when chipped or ground can be safely added to soil or compost for use in Urban landscaping and will biodegrade over time.

#### **PVC Based Products**

Although PVC is the less desirable and sustainable option when compared with Marmoleum/linoleum. There are areas of the market where PVC products are suited and demanded. Forbo PVC products are manufactured under strictest EU guidelines and meet compliance. End of life recycling options, where available are incorporated where possible and we are continually working with available recycling and post-consumer waste programs. PVC products are manufactured from 100% renewable electricity sources and compliant with REACH.

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Forbo locally are members of the Vinyl Council of Australia and work with all industry stakeholders to ensure the best outcomes across PVC product supply and end of life options in Australia. For more information on the local PVC Stewardship program visit. <https://vinyl.org.au/sustainability/stewardship>.

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