



BUILDING BEAUTIFUL AUSTRALIAN TIMBER HOMES™

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WEATHERTEX IS SAFE TO MANUFACTURE AND USE.

IT IS CLEAN, GREEN AND 100% AUSTRALIAN.

WeatherTex is a reconstituted wood fibre product containing no artificial glues or binders. WeatherTex is 97% timber with 3% of a natural wax added to enhance the water resistant nature of the fibres. Because of its organic composition, WeatherTex is recyclable and biodegradable.

The Australian eucalyptus hardwood used in the manufacture of weatherTex is sourced from local forests, which are managed by Forests NSW. Forests NSW prepare harvesting plans for each forest compartment before any timber is removed. These plans address:

- Forest Management and Silvicultural objectives,
- Flora Protection Strategy,
- Fauna Protection Strategy,
- Erosion, Hazard and Sediment Control Strategy and,
- Water Pollution Control Licence for Forest Operations.

WeatherTex does not use timber from old-growth forests. The timber that is utilised for the production of weatherTex is the "silvicultural thinnings"- smaller trees that will not grow into high quality timber or where there are too many trees competing for the available moisture and nutrients.

During the thinning process 50% comprises of a high quality saw log timber and 50% consists of a lower quality pulpwood timber. Of the 50% low quality pulpwood timber, only a quarter of this can be used by industry. In this respect WeatherTex is utilising a valuable natural resource that would have been wasted.

The manufacture of weatherTex involves the use of a large amount of water. WeatherTex is aware that water is a very valuable resource. WeatherTex has adopted and developed practices which ensure that the water is responsibly used. An example of this is where the resultant effluent, which is high in natural nutrients, is utilised to irrigate a hardwood woodlot that will provide raw material in the future.

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The product is manufactured in a plant at Newcastle, NSW, which commenced operation in 1939. David Simpson, Weathertex Plant Manager said, the plant employs approximately 90 people and is the proud holder for many years of the National Safety Councils 5 Star Safety Certification.

"At the end of November this year we reached 1000 days without a lost time injury. It is of paramount importance that our staff go home in the same condition that they came to work, there can be no compromise in this goal," Mr Simpson said.

Weathertex products have been used for over 40 years. The product provides the warmth, versatility, feel and real look of timber without the imperfections and being environmentally friendly.

Weathertex has evolved to offer a unique and versatile range of timber Weatherboards and Architectural Panels to compliment the modern architecturally designed multi-storey building through to the beautiful 21st Century estates or the quaint suburban home.

Weathertex products are designed to blend beautifully with alternate building materials such as steel, aluminium, glass, brick, render, stone and other timber products, providing limitless design and decorative solutions and applications.

With the diverse range offered by Weathertex, you can have the freedom to create any look you desire with minimal effect on the environment.

For more information on Weathertex www.weathertex.com.au

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