



# *Policy Statement*

## *Environmental*

### *Macquarie Textiles Group Limited*

Macquarie Textiles is taking a pro-active approach to continually reduce the effect of textile processing on the environment through all possible means; by reducing waste, energy consumption, greenhouse gas production, water consumption and effluent discharge.

From the acceptance of raw material through to the final product, Macquarie Textiles is working to International Standards in order to minimise the environmental impact by;

- limiting the amount of toxic residues present on raw materials and products,
- restricting the number and type of chemicals used during processing,
- using only biodegradable detergents during the dyeing and finishing processes,
- using environmentally sound dyestuffs,
- restricting the use of specialised chemicals to the minimum required rate.

With respect to the discharge of effluent from the mill, Macquarie Textiles works closely with Albury City Council and fulfils the terms of the cooperative Trade Waste Agreement. Macquarie Textiles plays an active part in the local "Phos-Watch" programme, aimed at containing the volume of phosphates discharged into waterways and has been recognised for its contribution.

Macquarie Textiles is part of the "Greenhouse Challenge" which endeavours to reduce detrimental effects on the ozone layer and improve air quality by decreasing harmful emissions into the atmosphere per unit of production. A continuous development program is helping Macquarie Textiles achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and is establishing initiatives to ensure its plant is more energy efficient. Macquarie is implementing a range of activities as the basis of its goal to further reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Macquarie Textiles also aims at qualifying for "Good Environmental Choice" or similar "ECO" labelling for some of its product ranges.

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