



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
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# **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

LN: FOR-2010

Formway Distribution Ltd

Standard:  
GECA 28:2006 Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:  
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**EPD**

accurate  
simplified  
environmental  
performance  
information on  
Environmental Choice  
Australia Mark  
Certified Products



# environmental solutions for sustainable markets in Australia

The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration ([www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au)). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards ([www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au)). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

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This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



## CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of furniture and fittings products manufactured by Formway Distribution Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 28:2006 Furniture and Fittings standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

### 1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Formway Distribution Ltd is a designer of office seating and furniture and distributor of furniture products throughout New Zealand and Australia as well as licensing products globally. Zenith Interiors are distribution partners in Australia. In addition to their range of workplace products Formway Distribution Ltd offer the following services: custom design, project management, IP licensing, and contract design. Formway Distribution Ltd Head Office and Design facilities are located in Wellington, New Zealand and showrooms are located in Auckland and Wellington, plus distribution across Australasia including design4work and CEMAC Commercial Interiors in New Zealand and ZENITH throughout Australia.

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## 2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Formway Distribution Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
BE Chair	Task Chair
Hum Workstations	Range of workstations.
Free Workstations.	Range of workstations.
Traffic Storage	Range of storage products.
Grid Workstations	Range of workstations.

#### Be Chair

The Be chair is a task chair that supports a range of postures with its flexing and supporting features.



#### Hum Workstations

Hum is a range of workplace workstations with options including tops, terraces, screens and accessories.



#### Grid Workstations

Grid is a range of workstations with options including workcentres, height adjustment, screens, accessories and cable management.



#### Free Workstations

Free is a range of workstations with options including workcentres, height adjustment, screens, accessories and cable management.



#### Traffic Storage

Traffic is a range of office storage products available in mobile or team versions.



Products with a distinctive  
environmental edge.



### 3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Formway Distribution Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
3.1. Fitness for Purpose	These nominated Formway Distribution Ltd products have demonstrated that they are fit for their intended purpose by meeting the requirements of the relevant furniture standards and are sold to the market with a ten year warranty.
3.2.1 Timber and Other Natural Materials	GECS has confirmed that the wood materials contained in some of these nominated products have met the requirements of this criterion. They are low in VOC's and have not been sourced from controversial sources or treated with insecticides or fungicides.
3.2.2 Plastics	GECS has confirmed that all plastic components with a mass greater than 100g have been marked with the appropriate resin identification code for end of life recycling. The Polyurethane foam contained in some of these nominated products has been determined to have been manufactured in compliance with the requirements of this criterion.
3.2.3 Fabrics	Formway Distribution Ltd upholsters these nominated products with GECA, EU Flower or Nordic Swan certified fabrics to ensure that the fabrics applied to the furniture and fittings will comply with all requirements of GECA 28:2006 Furniture and Fittings standard, including those sections that apply regardless of the weight of the fabrics.
3.2.4 Glass	This criterion is not applicable to these nominated Formway Distribution Ltd products as glass is not a component.
3.2.5 Adhesives	The adhesives used by Formway Distribution Ltd to manufacture these nominated products have been found to comply with the requirements of this criterion of the GECA 28:2006 Furniture and Fittings standard.
3.3 Hazardous Materials	GECS has confirmed that no prohibited or hazardous substances as stated for this criterion have been added or used at any stage during the manufacturing process including the preparatory agents, cleaners and degreasers of the production facility.
3.4.1 Separability	GECS has confirmed that these nominated products can be disassembled without specialized tools or expertise to facilitate the recovery of the constituent materials for recycling.
3.4.2 Product Custodianship	Both Formway Distribution Ltd and the Australian distribution partner Zenith Interiors have product stewardship programs in place to ensure that these nominated products will not be disposed of in landfill at their end of life.
3.4.3 Coatings and Treatments	GECS has confirmed that these nominated Formway Distribution Ltd products are not coated or treated in any way that would prevent recycling.
3.4.4 Replacement Parts	These nominated products are sold to the market with a ten year warranty ensuring that replacement parts are available for this period.
3.4.5 Recycled Furniture	This criterion is not applicable to these nominated Formway Distribution Ltd products as they are not recycled furniture.
3.4.6 Recycled Content Requirements	This criterion is not applicable to these nominated Formway Distribution Ltd products as they are not ceiling tiles.
3.4.7 Packaging Requirements	These nominated products are packaged with plastic and cardboard, GECS has confirmed this plastic has not been halogenated and is recyclable.
3.4.8 Product Information	These nominated products are sold with a Product Stewardship Contract detailing end of life recycling. Formway also makes available Care and Maintenance Manuals and product brochures. The combination of all of this available material demonstrates compliance to this criterion.
4 Compliance to Environmental Regulations	Formway Distribution Ltd has demonstrated compliance to the relevant environmental legislation and has not been prosecuted for violations to these regulations in the past 24 months.
5 Compliance to Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Formway Distribution Ltd has demonstrated compliance to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to these regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for  
assurance to the market.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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## FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WEB

The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from [www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au) and [www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au).