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## Facilitating Furniture Reuse and Recycling

Furniture sustainability requires that we consider the full range of environmental impacts and issues. Responsible life-cycle management of Chairbiz furniture is now a key part of our expanding sustainability program.

Chairbiz is customer-focused and this extends to the environmental features in our products as well as the services we offer designers, architects and product specifiers. Chairbiz is attentive to the entire furniture life-cycle and the need to support our products well beyond the point of sale, delivery and warranties.

To this end, Chairbiz has developed its *rebirth* program in conjunction with The Brotherhood of St Laurence and Anglicare Australia to give our furniture a social sustainability and unique second life to disadvantaged groups in our community.

*rebirth* provides a 'real-world' solution to extending product life and ensuring that furniture supplied by Chairbiz has high potential for a second life through reuse in another context.

We go beyond the concepts of Product Stewardship and furniture recycling. Our aim is utilise materials, components and products efficiently and responsibly. Product Stewardship at Chairbiz is about environmentally sound life-cycle management. It is much more than recycling obsolete chairs and tables.

Ultimately, where our products cannot be effectively and efficiently reused, we have arrangements in place with specialist recyclers who ensure that our products are disassembled with a view to component recovery and/materials recovery and recycling.

*rebirth* at Chairbiz translates into positive environmental, social and economic benefits.

- Uncomplicated take-back, reuse and recycling services for our chairs and tables.
- Application of the 'waste management hierarchy' principles i.e. reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Reduced risk of premature obsolescence and disposal of otherwise functional furniture.
- Tangible contribution towards solid waste diversion from landfill via product reuse and materials recovery.
- Resource conservation benefits via materials efficiency and zero waste goals.
- Social sustainability outcomes by channelling reusable, end-of-first-life chairs and tables to disadvantaged groups and/or other community-oriented organisations.
- Take-back service significantly reduces customers' waste management and disposal costs.



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**Chairbiz understands the technical connection between furniture that is designed for disassembly, reuse and recycling. An uncomplicated disassembly process directly translates into more viable refurbishment, reuse and/or recycling outcomes.**

**To this end, Chairbiz has developed Furniture Sustainability Procurement Guidelines. Our FSP Guidelines are proactively used when identifying and reviewing environmentally-acceptable furniture products, manufacturers and suppliers.**

**Chairbiz will endeavour to constantly improve its Product Stewardship activities in line with current industry and government policies.**

**We will also strive to be innovative and offer our customers obvious practical benefits associated with managing end-of-life commercial furniture.**

**Chairbiz Pty Ltd  
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