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Officeworks makes progress on goal to achieve FSC certified or 100% recycled content on all paper products by end of 2020

Officeworks is committed to making a positive difference to the environment, which includes sourcing paper and wood products from sustainable and responsible sources. As part of this, the retailer has been working closely with suppliers and as of March, all white A4 copy paper is from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified forests or made from 100% recycled content.

This is a key environment goal outlined in its [Positive Difference Plan](#), to have all paper products either FSC certified or made from 100% recycled content by December 2020.

The target, established in 2016, was a result of close consultation with environmental groups (eNGOs) to create more sustainable sourcing of paper products and to take into consideration the feedback from stakeholder groups and the issues that are most important to them.

In addition to this, Officeworks is focused on tree planting and land restoration through the Restoring Australia initiative. As part of the initiative, two trees are planted for every one used, based on the weight of paper products sold at Officeworks, resulting in at least 200,000 trees planted annually.

More than 570,000* trees have already been planted at ten sites across Australia including the Monaro region in NSW, the Victorian Volcanic Plains and near coastal wetlands to help protect the Great Barrier Reef, in Queensland. The initiative aims to restore degraded landscapes into a healthy habitat for native wildlife to thrive.

Officeworks General Manager Corporate Affairs, Alexandra Staley, said: "Working closely with our suppliers and environmental groups on sustainable sourcing of paper products is part of our long-term approach to responsible sourcing in the supply chain. As a leading retailer of paper products, we understand the importance of responsible and sustainable sourcing of products that contain wood-fibre and are committed to our product sourcing and environmental restoration initiatives. We want our customers to have responsible purchasing options when they shop at Officeworks and know that they are making a positive contribution whether it be when buying paper, other office supplies or technology."

Wilderness Society National Campaigns Director, Amelia Young, said they welcomed the progress Officeworks was making in the sourcing of paper products: "Global deforestation to make paper products has been a huge problem for decades. We commend Officeworks for shifting its A4 copy paper offering to 100% recycled or FSC certified. This has been no small task. But it's worth it, because now when consumers walk into any Officeworks store, they can be confident their paper purchases are the most sustainable available."

FSC certification is an internationally recognised global scheme that ensures forests are managed responsibly. Customers can be sure that purchasing a product with the FSC logo that the materials have been sourced sustainably.

The Officeworks Positive Difference Plan is an annual report that shares how the business is tracking against our 2020 goals to reduce our environmental impact, source products in sustainable and responsible ways and support the aspirations of our team and communities. For more info visit: <https://bit.ly/33XtchO>.

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About Officeworks

Established 25 years ago in Richmond, Victoria, Officeworks is committed to making bigger things happen for its customers, team, the community and stakeholders. It operates 167 stores across Australia, a website that is home to more than 40,000 products, a national call centre, and a business team that helps micro, small and medium-sized businesses start, run and grow. Officeworks offers customers a wide range of office supplies, technology, furniture, art supplies, education resources and helpful services like print & copy and on-site tech support through Geeks2U – delivering an experience that is easy and engaging, no matter how customers choose to shop. Officeworks is focused on the safety, wellbeing and career progression of the 8,000 team members it employs. It's also dedicated to operating in a sustainable manner, including building and maintaining meaningful connections with the communities in which it operates, fundraising for its national partners and local community groups, continuing to reduce its impact on the environment and source responsibly.