

# sustainable living FABRICS

Australian Designed and Manufactured

## HEALTHCARE & AGED CARE



# SUSTAINABLE LIVING FABRICS FOR HEALTHCARE & AGED CARE PROJECTS

Sustainable Living Fabrics has been in the commercial textile industry for over 50 Years. Our fabric is proudly designed and manufactured in Australia using Australian wool. We pride ourselves on creating high quality Australian made fabrics with an environmental conscience.

As a small business, we are in the unique position to work closely with designers and customers alike on Healthcare & Aged Care projects of all sizes. Being locally manufactured we have the ability to maintain short lead times as well as easily monitor, develop and understand our supply chain so we can prioritise transparency across all levels.

We have worked hard to create a range that is rated Heavy Duty Commercial and has an appealing colour palette for both residential and commercial projects. Healthcare & Aged Care facilities require textiles to be durable, easy to clean, have antibacterial qualities and also look and feel comfortable. Our large range of fabrics teamed with our ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment gives the designers a multitude of options suitable for all Healthcare & Aged Care projects.

Our fabrics can be used in a variety of applications within Healthcare & Aged Care design including but not limited to curtains, cushions, lounges, entertaining areas, joinery and bed heads.

We have developed and maintained a strong environmental ethos over the years and we continue to refine our practices to ensure we maintain transparency and accountability for our carbon footprint.

Sustainable Living Fabrics is GECA Certified and Certified Carbon Neutral through Climate Active for both product and organisation.

To be recognised in the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) GREEN STAR Sustainability Programme as level A, our fabrics must be used with GECA certified furniture, fitting and foam.

Our vision is to create products that don't harm our environment. Wool is breathable, hypoallergenic and naturally anti bacterial, making it a perfect choice for Healthcare and Aged Care facilities. The beauty of choosing to use Sustainable Living Fabrics is that you don't have to compromise on price, aesthetics or creativity to design your project sustainably.







# BENEFITS OF USING WOOL IN HEALTH & AGED CARE

## FIT FOR PURPOSE

Our entire range of upholstery fabrics are certified Heavy Duty Commercial and come with a twelve (12) year warranty. Ensuring the fabrics will stand the test of time.

We believe wool is the perfect choice for Health & Aged Care facilities, it's easy to clean, breathable, naturally antibacterial and fire retardant.

Wool has outstanding mechanical stretch, which can not be replicated synthetically. It will bounce back into shape and keep performing under heavy conditions.

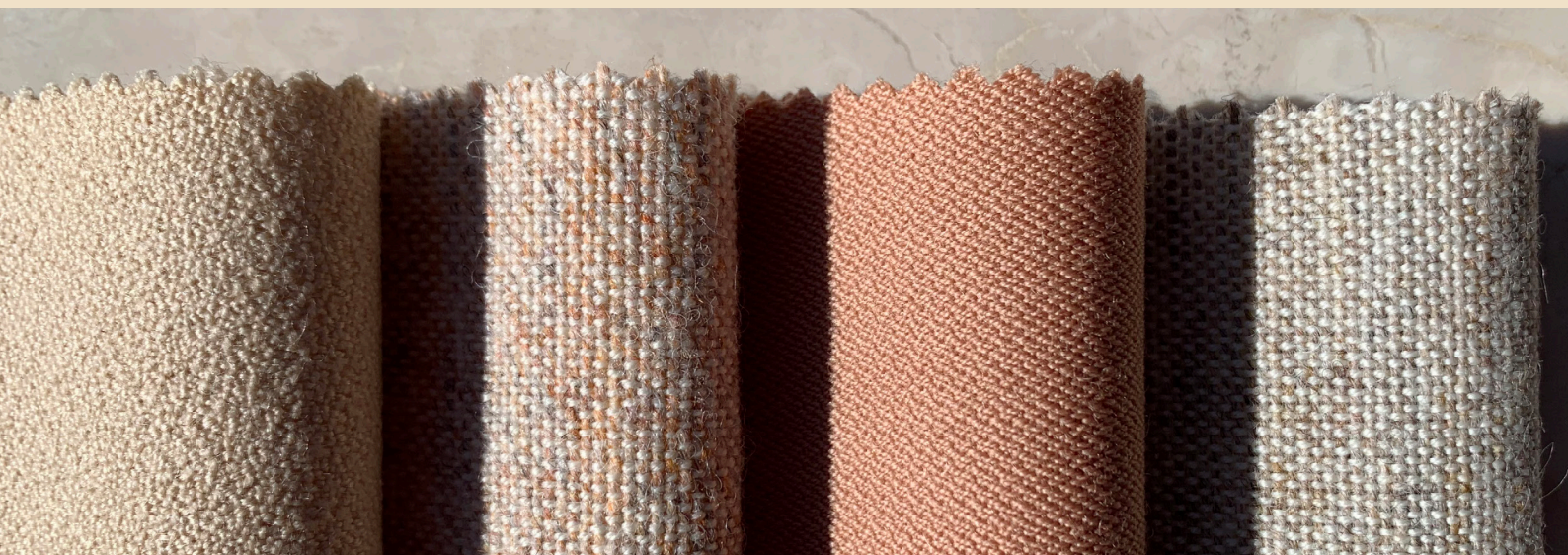
The natural crimp of wool allows it to return to its natural shape even after being stretched by up to 30%. Its complex coiled structure gives it resilience against becoming flat and hard, so you can count on wool to keep its shape.

## AUSTRALIAN WOOL

Sustainable Living Fabrics uses only Australian wool in our 100% wool ranges and our wool rich blends. This wool is a rapidly renewable ecowool yarn which has been independently tested and audited at all stages of production to comply with EU Eco Label criteria.

Australia maintains world class animal health and welfare standards, as well as having strict regional and national bio security programs to prevent the outbreak and spread of infectious diseases.

There are many rigorous restrictions regarding certain herbicides and pesticides that can be used around Australian livestock, ensuring the quality of the wool and the safety of the sheep producing the wool.







## THERMAL PROPERTIES

Wool has balanced thermal insulation properties - meaning it is warmer in winter and cool in the summer.

## HYPOALLERGENIC

Wool is hypoallergenic - It is resistant to bacteria, mould and mildew that can trigger allergic reactions in many people.

## AIR PURIFYING

It absorbs harmful pollutants from the air and it doesn't re-emit them. It is estimated that wool used in interiors can help purify the air for 30 years.

## DUST MITE CONTROLS

Dust mites don't like wool - dust mites need moisture to survive. Microscopic pores in wool respond effectively to any minor changes in humidity making it quite unfavourable for the breeding and growth of the house dust mite.

## ANTI- STATIC

Wool is naturally anti-static - Meaning wool generates very little amounts of static electricity because of the qualities of its natural wool fibres. Static attracts lint, dirt, and dust so its anti-static properties keep it much cleaner for longer.

## BIODEGRADABLE

Wool is a renewable product, each year sheep produce a fleece, making wool a natural and renewable resource.

What makes wool biodegradable is a natural protein called Keratin, the same protein found in human hair.

This gives wool its resilience and elasticity as well as its ability to decompose in soil, enriching the soil and nourishing new life. Whereas most synthetics are extremely slow to degrade and harmful to the soil.

## FIRE RETARDANCY

Wool is naturally fire retardant, it difficult to ignite, has low flame spread and heat release properties. Wool doesn't melt and has superior self-extinguishing qualities. This makes it a perfect fibre to have in Healthcare & Aged Care spaces.

All of our fabrics are independently tested to the Standards prescribed by the NCC for the fire performance of interior textiles.

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# ULTIMATE HEALTHCARE TREATMENT

Our ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment is a certified Carbon Neutral product suitable for healthcare environments such as hospitals, doctors clinics, health centers and aged care facilities. The ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment is resistant to stains, moisture, odours, mildew, fungus and bacteria.

The ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment is a full immersion medical treatment with active biocidal properties that kill bacteria on the surface as well as the bacteria that tries to grow in the spaces between the fibres formed by the weave structure.

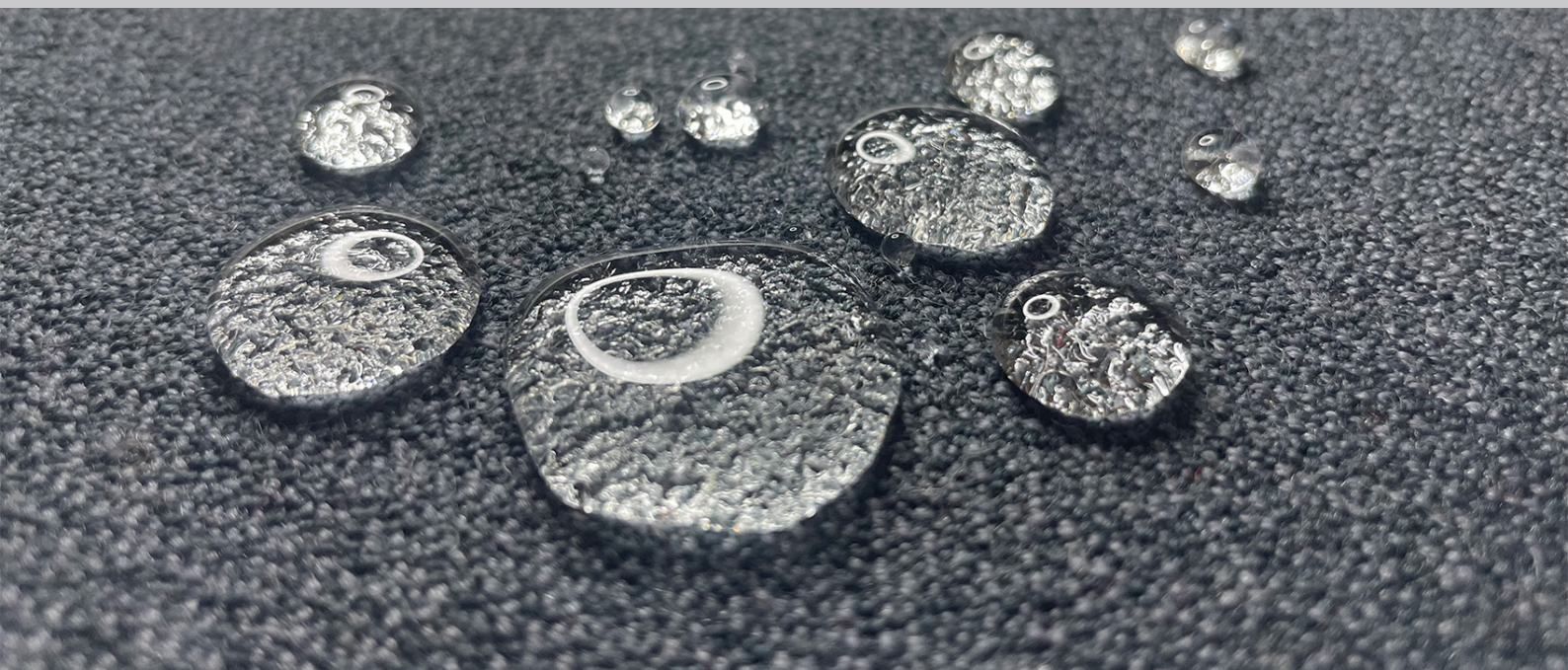
The fabric is immersed in the ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment solution, providing an invisible, highly water repellent, flexible Nano-structure which creates a shield to protect the fabric from not only soil and stains but includes anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, and dust mite controls. A water resistant silicone backing is applied to the fabric for an extra layer of protection.

This treatment can be applied to the entire range of Sustainable Living Fabrics textiles. The ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment will NOT change the surface appearance of the fabric.

Water Resist	To BS3254
Breathable	Moisture Vapour Permeable to BS3546
Stain Resistant	Treated for liquid and stain resistance
Anti- bacterial	Resistant to common bacteria such as MRSA, E Coli and Salmonella. Inhibits the growth of other bacteria.
Anti-fungal	Resists common fungi that cause household moulds such as Penicilium, Aspergillus Niger, Candida, etc.
Bleach Cleanable	AS2001.4.11 Colour fastness to bleaching with Sodium Hypochlorite A 5% bleach to water dilution recommended.
Leadtime	2-4 Weeks, no minimums
Warranty	5 years
Carbon Neutral	



\*Please note that due to the medical grade anti-fungal, anti-bacterial properties the ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment does not carry the GECA eco-label.











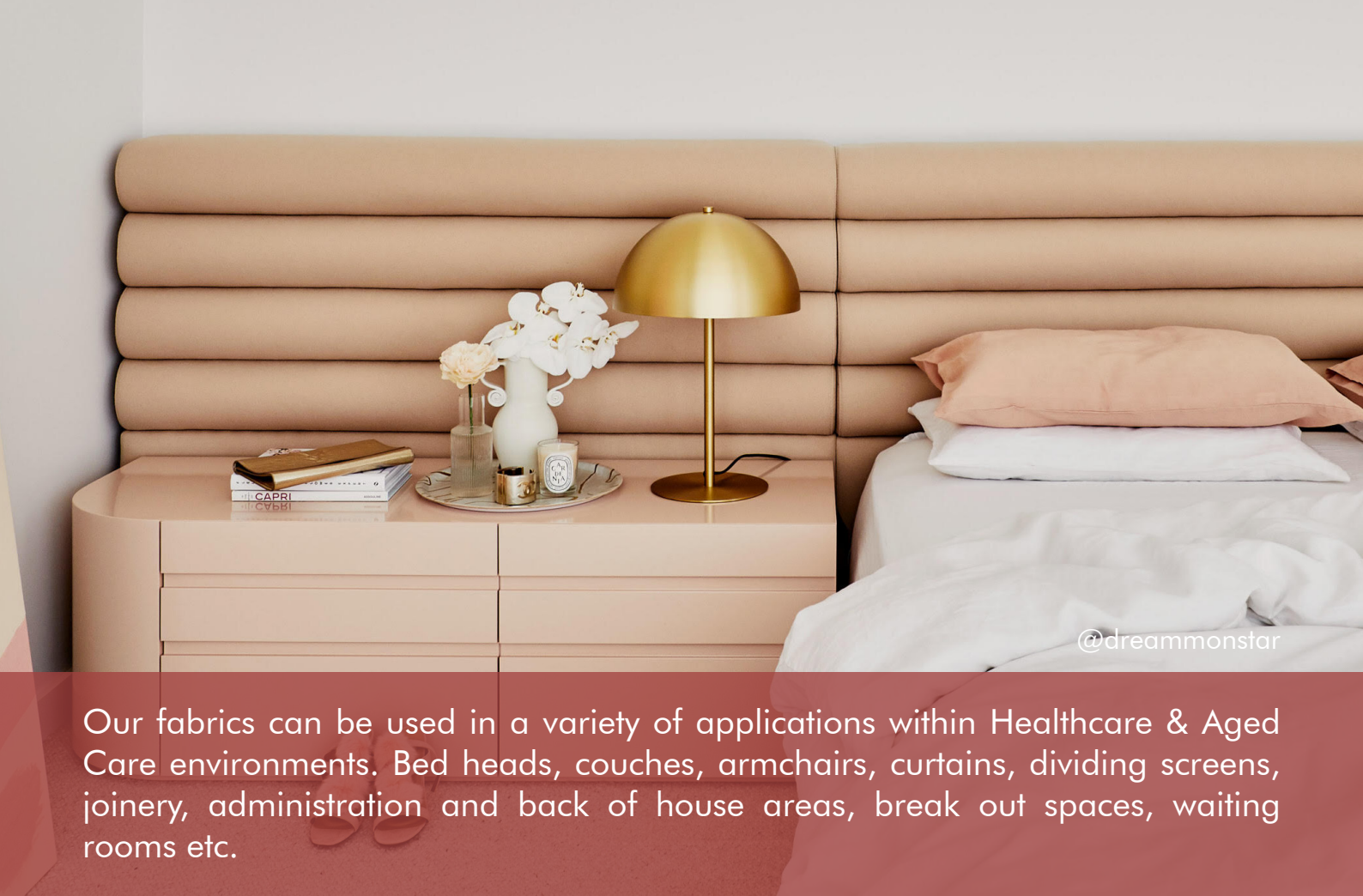
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The ULTIMATE Healthcare Treatment can be applied to the entire range of Sustainable Living Fabrics textiles including all wool and eco-polyester fabrics.



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Our fabrics can be used in a variety of applications within Healthcare & Aged Care environments. Bed heads, couches, armchairs, curtains, dividing screens, joinery, administration and back of house areas, break out spaces, waiting rooms etc.



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Healthcare & Aged Care facilities are often high stress environments, using fabric on furniture, rather than vinyl, is a great way to allow patients to feel comfortable, and calm in a soft, inviting space.



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When choosing a fabric for Healthcare & Aged Care projects we always recommend natural fibres. Wool is breathable, hypoallergenic and naturally anti-bacterial, making it a perfect choice for these sorts of facilities.







Using colour can add vibrance and be an eye catching feature within a facility. This golden turmeric dream is brought to life by our Sustainable Superthor colour Artemis. This range is known for it's silky sateen finish which makes it hard to believe it's 100% wool.





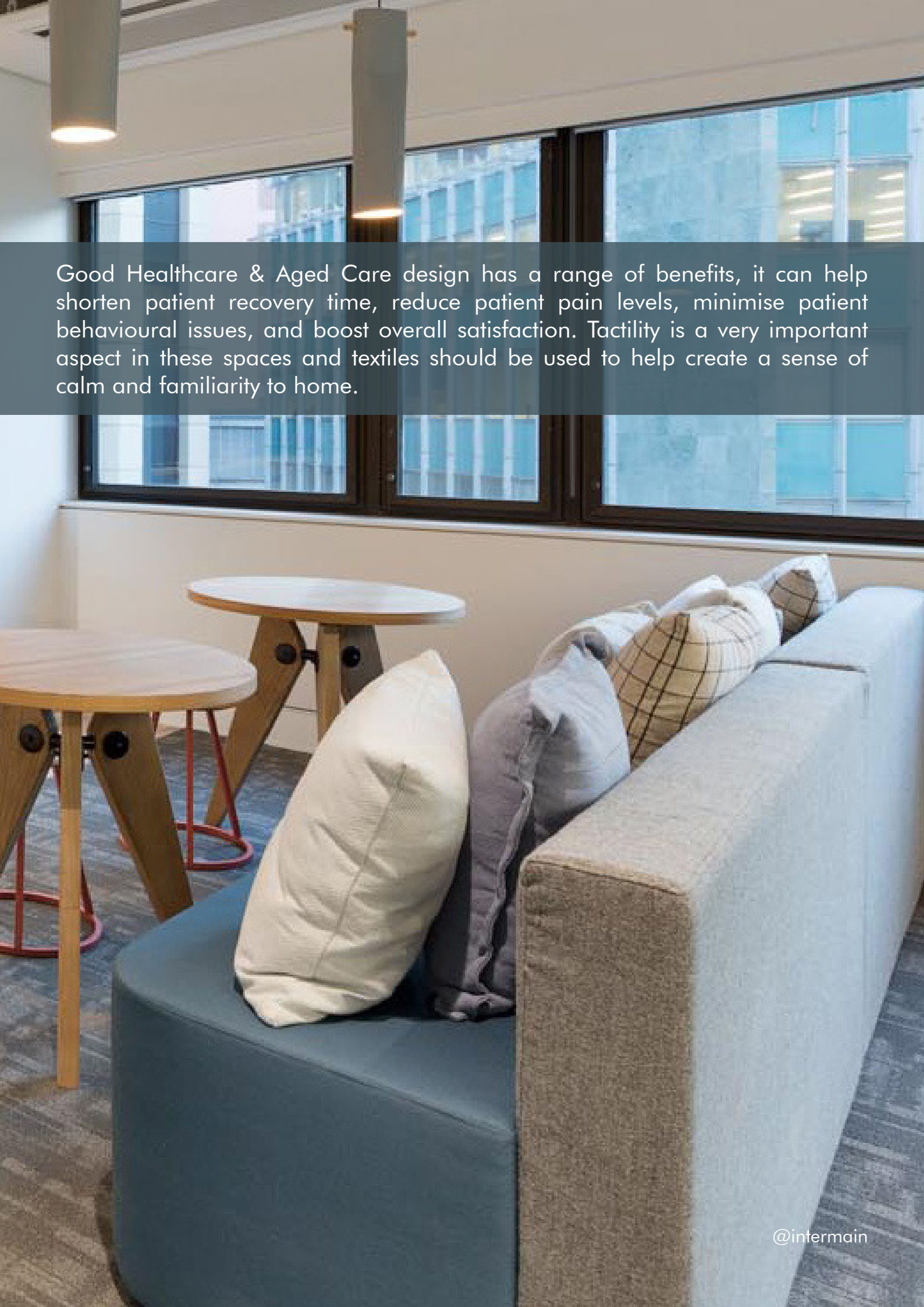


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Did you know all the fabrics in our range are certified Carbon Neutral through Climate Active and environmentally certified through Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA).





A photograph of a modern healthcare lounge. In the foreground, a blue modular sofa is adorned with several pillows: a large white one, a grey one, and a yellow and black plaid one. To the left of the sofa are two round wooden tables with unique, angled legs. The background features large windows with dark frames, offering a view of a city building. Two cylindrical pendant lights hang from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is clean, bright, and comfortable.

Good Healthcare & Aged Care design has a range of benefits, it can help shorten patient recovery time, reduce patient pain levels, minimise patient behavioural issues, and boost overall satisfaction. Tactility is a very important aspect in these spaces and textiles should be used to help create a sense of calm and familiarity to home.





When purchasing and specifying a Sustainable Living Fabrics product, you may not have been aware that you are expanding the Australian Economy by supporting local farming, manufacturing and design.



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Sustainability for us is all about intentional, thoughtful and local design. Creating your project with high quality materials that are designed to last and are made right here in Australia.





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OUR ENTIRE RANGE IS STOCKED LOCALLY.

Contact your local rep for a sample or if you have any questions.

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