

Environmentally sustainable caskets & urns



Departure Lounge
CASKETS

At Departure Lounge caskets, we take our environmental responsibilities seriously. We are committed to doing the right thing and are able to give you peace of mind that our caskets and urns are environmentally sustainable.

In 2014, we commissioned an independent report regarding environmental suitability, structural strength and cremation or burial suitability of our products, and it affirmed our sustainability practices.

Plywood used in our caskets and urns

- ✓ The wood in the plywood we use in our caskets and urns is from certified sustainably forested timber.
- ✓ The plywood is rated as being the most environmentally friendly (highest 5 star standard).
- ✓ The plywood by design results in superior products and extends the uses of natural woods in a manner that requires significantly less wood fibre than that of solid wood lumber, thereby reducing the demand for natural wood resources. This is a logical and more ecologically friendly alternative to solid wood caskets.
- ✓ The phenolic adhesive is the industry standard for plywood production and uses minimal quantities of glue. The plywood contains some formaldehyde but the glue content of plywood is a fraction of that in MDF.

Natural burials

Departure Lounge caskets is listed on the Natural Burials website as Acceptable Coffins (meaning only one core component is synthetic) due to the glue content of the plywood.

www.naturalburials.co.nz

Our liners

- ✓ The liner is made of natural fibre material, New Zealand sourced and 100% biodegradable.
- ✓ The mattress is mostly wool with a small amount of polymer binder. The binder is industry standard for matting material in the New Zealand funeral industry.
- ✓ The waterproof sheet is New Zealand made from corn starch material that is 100% biodegradable.
- ✓ The pillow has a natural fibre case. The stuffing is 100% scraps of cloth from the liner fabrication process and is therefore all biodegradable.

Sustainable transportation

- ✓ Our caskets have a flat pack design enabling easy transportation that is friendly to the environment.
- ✓ The flat packed volume is 25% of a fully assembled casket.
- ✓ The caskets can be stored vertically or horizontally, freeing up space for you to meet with families.
- ✓ Easily assembled in a few minutes – no screws, glue or tools are required.
- ✓ Within our boxes we use grease proof paper and cardboard packaging. Minimal plastic is used in the strapping process only.

View the entire range at
www.departureloungecaskets.com