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SUSTAINABILITY , AUSTRALIAN MADE & OVERSEAS IMPORTS

There is a strong argument for using local materials & labour whenever possible, however:

We think everybody should have the choice to:

- ⇒ use the best in sustainable & economical materials & building components from all over the world or:
- ⇒ to use local product that may be of lower standard, more expensive and/or produced in an unsustainable and polluting manner.

We believe:

- ⇒ only with initially importing the best we will create a demand which in time will allow the establishment of viable local manufacturing on a world best sustainable level.

We do not think that every country has to invent the wheel again and develop slowly through the same historic industrial stages as others before, but should always try to use worlds best practice as it becomes available. This opens the possibility to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on a much bigger scale.

In smaller countries like Australia & New Zealand it may never be viable to establish all facets of sustainable manufacturing. This should be no reason to be stuck in the past and continue with unsustainable practices. Here again imports have their place as shipping of Hi Tec sustainable manufactured goods still has a positive balance on the sustainability scales compared to less efficient local products/practices with often imported materials & components anyway. (A shipment from Europe to Australia still produces lower greenhouse emissions than the same trucked from Sydney or Melbourne to Perth.)

In Australia most building products like steel, hardware, board materials are produced overseas or produced by overseas owned companies.

On site labour often is all that's left of "Australian Made".