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EPA Abandons Sustainability with New Footbridge

EPA's recent decision to use non-renewable fossil fuel consuming fibre composite material for a new footbridge in Brisbane Forest Park seems contrary to the mantra publicly espoused by Queensland's leading Environmental Protection Agency.

Unfortunately EPA has singled out renewable, biodegradable, sustainable and energy efficient timber by suggesting fibre composites derived from the petrochemical and plastics industry using the planets dwindling oil supplies is a better environmental outcome.

EPA has lost the plot. Modern timber structures using engineered wood products from sustainable resources (eg plantations) using little fossil fuel in manufacture and providing positive greenhouse impacts creates a much better environmental solution.

Far from a "win-win" situation suggested by Minister Boyle in her recent media statement fibre composite structures are a lose-lose for the environment.

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