

Dear Mr. Brownbill,

Thank you for your email, Garnet. We appreciate the concerns that you have raised regarding the ongoing utilisation of synthetic surfacing and polypropylene ground covering materials utilised throughout Open areas, Parklands and Urban Spaces across Australia.

This is a very vexed issue at the moment, with strong opinions on both sides.

As you mentioned, it is Parks & Leisure Australia's aim "*to build, serve and develop a strong and united parks and leisure industry in Australia*". As the peak industry body, Parks & Leisure Australia (PLA) has members that are on both sides of the debate. Therefore, PLA's role in this issue is to facilitate open discussion rather than take a side in the debate.

Furthermore, PLA does not promote any one product, as it is our role to represent the individuals within our diverse industry.

The board of PLA would like to reiterate that they will not be getting involved in this debate as it is outside their scope of responsibilities as an industry body - regardless of their own personal opinions on the matter.

If you would like to speak further about this matter, you can contact me directly via email at [president@parksleisure.com.au](mailto:president@parksleisure.com.au).

Kind regards,



Les Munn, National President