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Our story begins in 1987, explore our history

From inception as Metropolitan Glass & Glazing in 1987 to becoming a leader in providing high performance glass solutions and exceptional service across New Zealand and Australia, explore our nearly 40 year journey below.

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1987

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

- Founded by three visionary entrepreneurs driven by their passion for glass and committed to providing customers with the highest quality products available, we were known as Metropolitan Glass and Glazing way back then.

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LEADING THE WAY IN GLASS TECHNOLOGY.

- Metro Glass introduced 1st generation Low E glass using hardcoat technology, revolutionising the thermal performance of glass.
- We commissioned double glazing production lines throughout our North Island plants, well before it was mandated.

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THE NEXT LEVEL.

- Metro Glass were the first to introduce 2nd generation Low E glass in New Zealand. This soft coat technology transformed thermal performance, with virtually invisible coatings.
- The H1 building code changes in 2009 effectively made it mandatory to use double glazing in all new builds.



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SUSTAINABILITY.

- Metro Glass began recycling waste glass from all our plants, stopping it from going into landfill.
- We also began auditing our glass material suppliers annually including their sustainability and corporate social responsibility policies.

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- Recycling 99% of all our waste glass.
- Became Toitu Envirocare Carbon Reduce Certified.
- Further H1 building code changes came into effect to improve home thermal efficiency, meaning Low E glass effectively became mandatory.



Proud of our achievements to date

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We recycle 99% of our waste glass.

We proudly recycle 99% of the waste glass generated by our plants, right here in New Zealand. The recycled glass finds new life in various products, including home insulation and glass bottles.



What our glass is made up of.

The glass products we sell contain an average of 22% recycled content. Our double and triple glazing glass is Declare Label certified as Red List Free, meaning they contain no toxic chemicals or harmful ingredients.



Environmental Impact.

We have EPD's available for all of the glass materials that make up our core products. They tell a product's life story from sourcing to gate, and their impact on the environment.

Our Low E glass enhances energy efficiency by reducing the energy needed to heat and cool your home. This not only increases living comfort but also contributes to a more sustainable future.

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Proudly the first glass company to achieve “Declare Red List Free” in New Zealand

Metro Glass is proudly **Red List Free** on our double and triple glazing Low E glass - meaning they contain no toxic chemicals or harmful ingredients.

What is Declare?

Think of a Declare Label like a food nutrition label, but for building products. It shows you exactly what a product is made from, where it comes from and what happens to it at the end of its life. This makes it easier


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What does Red List Free mean?

The “Red List” is a group of the most harmful chemicals often used in building products. If something is Red List Free, it means it doesn’t contain any of these toxic ingredients. By choosing Red List Free products, you’re creating a healthier home environment, avoiding unnecessary exposure to harmful substances and supporting a more sustainable future.

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What's Next?

1. Continuing to lead the industry towards zero glass into landfill New Zealand wide.



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