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Bunnings and AGB offer silica-free stone benchtops in NZ first



Bunnings is committed to helping customers live more sustainably in their home and garden.

Bunnings is supporting a significant shift towards healthier and more sustainable building practices by offering Kiwi customers silica-free benchtop products supplied by AGB, which has opened [New Zealand's first zero-silica stone manufacturing facility in Nelson](#).

This introduction of silica-free benchtop products represents an important step forward for customers and the building industry, promoting workplace safety and supporting more sustainable production methods.

Almost two years ago, Bunnings took decisive action in both Australia and New Zealand by announcing the discontinuation of all benchtops manufactured using silica, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability and safer working environments. AGB's response to this challenge has been transformative. By removing silica from its processes, AGB is not only reducing health risks for workers but also paving the way for environmentally responsible approaches in construction and design, demonstrating that innovation and care for people can go hand in hand.

Melissa Haines, General Manager of Bunnings NZ, explains, "We're pleased to be involved in an initiative that aims to put people and the planet first. It's important for us to seek out solutions that make a positive impact, and we believe small changes can lead to meaningful improvements in communities."

"Working with AGB shows how safety and sustainability can be part of delivering quality products, and we hope other suppliers will consider similar approaches," says Haines.



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Bunnings' commitment to safer, healthier homes is matched by its broader sustainability efforts, including powering all stores in New Zealand and Australia with 100 per cent renewable electricity, a key milestone on the path to net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030.

Together with innovations like AGB's silica-free benchtops, these initiatives demonstrate how responsible business can deliver positive change for people, communities and the environment.

To view the range, visit [Better Benchtops by AGB - Bunnings New Zealand](#)

Bunnings' entire range of benchtops across New Zealand and Australia is silica free.

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About Bunnings

Bunnings is a leading retailer of home and lifestyle products for consumer and commercial customers in Australia and New Zealand. We are a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry. Our store network in New Zealand is made up of 51 locations, comprising Bunnings Warehouses, smaller-format stores and trade centres. This physical network is supported by a growing e-commerce ecosystem and supply chain network. Bunnings employs more than 5,000 team members across the country.

