

## **NEWS**

21 February 2002

## WESFARMERS' ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT

Wesfarmers today released its fourth comprehensive report covering environmental, safety and health performance in seven business units.

Managing Director Michael Chaney said the publication of the Environment, Safety and Health progress report continued the commitment to provide detailed information on 'non-financial' aspects of the company's activities.

"This report is our response to the heightened, and welcome, community interest in issues which, until fairly recently, received little attention in the public reporting processes of business," he said.

"Our aim remains to improve both the scope and nature of the report and to progressively include the operations of our recent acquisitions from Howard Smith Limited.

"Again this year the document has been independently verified by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) and incorporates many of the changes recommended by SMEC in its detailed report to management last year.

"These changes have made comparisons between our very diverse business units easier and have increased the report's transparency.

"Importantly, the report is still very much 'owned' by the business units which provide the information to the Corporate Office prior to internal and external verification".

The report is available on the Wesfarmers website at <a href="www.wesfarmers.com">www.wesfarmers.com</a> or by contacting Public Affairs on 61 8 9327 4211.

For further information contact:

Keith Kessell General Manager, Public Affairs (61 8) 9327 4281