

Question 11 — Australian Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries

(5 marks)

- (a) Explain how Australian clothing manufacturers have responded to changing consumer demand for sun protection factor clothing.

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Australian clothing manufacturers have done this by developing clothing that protects people/families whilst in the sun. The Australian Cancer Council developed clothing that is UV protected and also making clothing with longer sleeves to ensure full protection.

- (b) How has Australian government legislation influenced Australian textile industries to select processes and resources that have a reduced impact on the environment?

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recycling, organic cotton, hemp, landfill. Protection of Land 1997 - Ozone depletion 1989.

Government legislation such as Protection of Land 1997 and Ozone depletion 1989 have highly impacted the textile industry. The growing of organic cotton can be an example as chemicals are not used and ~~do not~~ ^{is not} effect manufactured in factories which does not release harmful chemicals such as Carbon Dioxide adding to global warming. Also, the use of hemp clothing has reduced impact as it is cheap, and easy to grow for example potatoe sacks is a textile product used/manufactured by hemp. Recycling is also very important as products need to be able to bio-degrade and not add to landfill. Also, not using many synthetic fibres as they do not decompose and add to landfill.