

# recovery



A rustic contemporary Dining Collection  
crafted from one of New Zealand's finest  
native timbers – Totara.

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Coffee Table

## Environmentally Sourced Timber

With no significant native forest resource available of Totara timber, Sorenmobler have discovered a quantity of salvaged Totara logs for use in this Contemporary Rustic Collection of Dining Furniture. In the late 1950's and 1960's, the then Government instigated subsidies for the planting of Radiata Pine in the remnants of vast tracts of Native Forest in the central North Island of New Zealand. Many mature native trees were pushed aside to clear the ground for planting of Radiata Pine and Douglas Fir. Today as these plantings are harvested and the land converted to Dairying many, huge trees are being recovered and transformed into beautiful furniture such as the Recovery Collection.

## Totara Timber

Totara was once plentiful in the native forests of the central and upper North Islands, but was milled extensively to supply general building material, railway sleepers, and telephone poles.

It was a prized timber for the Maori people, being used for their huge Waka Taua, a large canoe capable of carrying 100 warriors. A naturally durable timber, Totara was also used for carvings and framing for Maori buildings and in recent times for residential joinery.

## Natural Feature Grade Totara

The special characteristic of the Recovery Collection is the natural feature grade timber used throughout its construction. Including knots and bark pockets, the most striking feature is the honeycomb effect created by fungi which attacks the heartwood of mature standing trees. This amazing and unique feature is found in many ancient Totara and adds texture and variation to the finished furniture. Sometimes known as Kaikaka Totara it gives this rustic contemporary design a certain ambience, character and easy care feel.

## Furniture

Generous proportions, unique design and salvaged timber combine to make this range a real eye catcher. The Dining Table is 2100mm x 1100mm and is also available in other sizes. The Coffee Table carries forward the design theme and measures 1400mm x 700mm. Other pieces such as Hall Tables and Entertainment Units will be available in due course. A unique New Zealand timber, recovered from nature and crafted into a beautiful sophisticated design.



Hall Table 1400 x 400

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