

FIBREGLASS

Storm damaged Flag Poles and Goal Posts replaced by PILA group

Flag poles and sports goal posts in Brisbane and throughout South East QLD and Northern NSW have been damaged and destroyed by the recent storms and flooding. If damaged and left unsafe flag poles and sports goal posts can be a safety hazard and can affect the land owner's insurance.

PILA group can help businesses, councils, schools and clubs safely remove damaged flag poles and sports goal posts and replace them with new, safe products. If your flag poles or sports goal posts have been damaged now is the time to replace them before an accident occurs.

Reece Wooldridge is the Managing Director of PILA group and has overseen the installation of hundreds of flag poles and goal posts in his 16 year career in the industry. He says *"strong winds and soaked ground from heavy rain can lead to stress fractures in concrete footings and when severe these fractures will lead to product failure which can result in human casualty."*

Likewise, if the ground around a footing is water logged a footing can pop out of the ground. Any footing that can be undermined by a change in the ground's condition is a potential safety hazard and any safety concerns people have with structures should be attended to immediately."

Reece goes on to say *"high winds can also lead to stress cracks and weld failures in old steel and timber poles. I highly recommend people stay well clear of old steel and timber goal posts and flag poles until they are assessed by a professional. As an immediate action, land owners should remove flags off damaged flag poles and reschedule sporting events until further notice."*

Any product continually exposed to harsh wind and weather over a long period of time must be designed to withstand the elements. PILA's fibreglass flag poles and goal posts are designed for aggressive environments with no coating or treating required and they are virtually maintenance free. They won't rust, rot, oxidise or decay reducing life cycle cost and remaining safe.

Fibreglass poles are also safer than metal poles as fibreglass is a low conductor of electricity and lightning and because it is non-metallic, fibreglass does not spark and is safer near electrical hazards. As an added bonus, PILA's fibreglass posts are also sustainable with significant environmental benefits compared to metal and timber products.

PILA group has dedicated staff on hand to help customers quickly and safely remove and replace damaged flag poles and sports goal posts. Staff can also assist with insurance claim paperwork, taking the hassle and stress out of the replacement process, and can offer fast and reliable replacement of damaged flag poles and sports goal posts with new products covered by warranties.

Contact PILA group's dedicated Storm Damage Hotline today on 1300 POLES 1 (1300 765 371) or email sales@pilagroup.com.au for fast, friendly assistance and free safety advice.

