

# ***Durability and Performance of Coated Fabrics***

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## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

This forum will discuss important aspects of materials serviceability and selection which are seldom addressed in detail but are of primary concern to fabricators, suppliers and structure owners.

Some of the topics lie in the nether world where there is difficulty in determining when a physical property is a defect of the material or caused by uncontrolled environmental effects. These can lead to a dispute.

The panel comprises many of the fabricators who are active in the Australian industry and we hope it will not exclude participation from the audience, as we intend to engage them in a session which goes to basics to investigate appropriate expectations from a selected material.

Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to:

- Vandalism
- Dirt and Surface Conditions
- Fabric Life
- Mould and Fungal Effects
- Staining

We hope that the conversation will range through those subjects and cover related areas such as:

- Surface Treatments
- Cleaning Agents
- Precautions against Damage
- Guarantees and their Efficacy

Confirmed panel members are:

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| • David McCready  | Spacetech Pty Ltd – Panel leader |
| • Kenneth Lambert | Vesl Tension Span                |
| • John Devitt     | Space Structures                 |
| • Mike Ure        | Structureflex NZ                 |
| • David White     | Tensile Canopy Systems           |