

Queensland Procurement Policy bridging guide

2018 updates

Purpose of this document

In April 2018, the Queensland Government strengthened procurement with the introduction of new targets and commitments to the Queensland Procurement Policy (QPP).

Effective from 1 June 2018¹, the updated QPP most notably includes the following new commitments:

- require the application of '*best practice principles*' for all major projects valued at \$100 million and above and declared projects, in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Housing and Public Works and the Office of Industrial Relations
- prioritising '*Buy Queensland first*' for food and beverages at events and corporate functions
- increase spend with genuine, quality social enterprises, providing award based wages (using the Supported Wage System where appropriate) and pathways to mainstream employment for disadvantaged Queenslanders
- ensure that all Queensland Government procurement activities are compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth).

This new version of the QPP replaces the one previously issued in September 2017.

This document summarises the major updates made to the QPP. Note: This document does not include minor wording and other changes made to the QPP.

¹ Application of clause 1.1 in QPP 2018 took effect from 8 May 2018. The remainder of the QPP 2018 was effective from 1 June 2018.



Detailed information on changes

Reference	Summary of change
<p>Title of the QPP</p>	<p>The title of the QPP has been updated from 'Queensland Procurement Policy 2017' to 'Queensland Procurement Policy 2018'.</p>
<p>Introduction to the QPP</p> <p>Page 1</p>	<p>A new policy aim has been added on social procurement (Policy Aim 4).</p> <p>This is: <i>'Support disadvantaged Queenslanders – by increasing procurement with genuine, quality social enterprises'</i>.</p> <p><i>'Stimulate the ICT sector and drive innovation'</i> has been retained and is now Policy Aim 5.</p>
<p>Principles 1 and 2</p> <p>New government targets and commitments</p> <p>Pages 2 and 4</p>	<p>Four new commitments have been added to the QPP.</p> <p>These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>require the application of 'best practice principles' for all major projects valued at \$100 million and above and declared projects, in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Housing and Public Works and the Office of Industrial Relations</i> • <i>prioritising 'Buy Queensland first' for food and beverages at events and corporate functions</i> • <i>increase spend with genuine, quality social enterprises, providing award based wages (using the Supported Wage System where appropriate) and pathways to mainstream employment for disadvantaged Queenslanders</i> • <i>ensuring that all Queensland Government procurement activities are compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth).</i> <p>The commitment to <i>'Procure Australian-sourced, environmentally accredited paper products'</i> has moved from been an economic to an environmental commitment.</p> <p>The commitment regarding use of local contractors and manufacturers, along with increasing opportunities for apprentices and trainees, has been split into two separate commitments. There has been no change to the actual commitment.</p>

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<p>Principle 1</p> <p>Clause 1.1</p> <p>Page 3</p>	<p>This clause has been expanded to require application of the <i>'best practice principles'</i> as part of the value for money assessment.</p> <p>The additional new wording follows: <i>For major projects of \$100 million and above and declared projects, the value for money assessment must also include application of all of the following best practice principles:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>workplace health and safety systems and standards</i> • <i>commitment to apprentices and trainees</i> • <i>best practice industrial relations</i> • <i>history of compliance with procurement, tendering and other government policy.</i>
<p>Principle 1</p> <p>Clause 1.3</p> <p>Page 3</p>	<p>Reference to this clause's accompanying advisory note has been removed from the QPP.</p> <p>The advisory note remains available at www.qld.gov.au/procurement.</p>
<p>Principle 1</p> <p>Clause 1.5</p> <p>Page 3</p>	<p>Reference to online examples of outcomes added value has been removed from the QPP.</p> <p>Supporting guidance and resources for the QPP remain available at www.qld.gov.au/procurement.</p>
<p>Principle 2</p> <p>Clause 2.1</p> <p>Page 5</p>	<p>The clause has been amended to allow a Ministerial declaration that a particular procurement activity must apply the local benefits test.</p> <p>The additional new wording follows: <i>The Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport may, in consultation with the relevant Ministers and the Premier and Minister for Trade, declare a procurement activity as requiring application of the local benefits test.</i></p>
<p>Principle 3</p> <p>Clause 3.1</p> <p>Page 7</p>	<p>Reference to observing the <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> (Cth) has been added to this clause.</p>
<p>Schedule 1: Definitions</p> <p>Page 14</p>	<p>The definition of a <i>'local supplier'</i> has been amended, substituting reference to <i>'Australia'</i> with <i>'outside of Queensland'</i>.</p> <p>The full definition for local supplier follows: <i>Local supplier means a supplier of goods or services that maintains a workforce whose usual place of residency (i.e. where they normally live, sleep and eat) is located within a 125 kilometre (km) radius of where the good or service is to be supplied. If a capable local supplier does not exist within the 125 kilometre radius, the radius should be extended progressively to the local region, then Queensland, then outside of Queensland, until a suitable supplier is identified.</i></p>

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Schedule 3: Procurement- related policies and instruments Page 17	The responsible department for several policies/instruments has been updated to reflect new departmental names following machinery-of-government changes.