

Procurement Advisory Notice 23/2020

For suppliers – Supporting social outcomes for Queenslanders

The [Queensland Procurement Policy 2019 \(QPP\)](#) outlines Queensland Government's commitment to advance the government's economic, environmental and social objectives for the long-term wellbeing of our community.

By working with suppliers that deliver social outcomes, alongside the provision of quality goods and services, the government is delivering on this commitment and fostering a more inclusive economy.

Delivering social outcomes

The Queensland Government wants to do business with ethically, environmentally and socially responsible suppliers, as outlined in our [Queensland Government Supplier Code of Conduct \(SCC\)](#).

All government suppliers are expected to adhere to the SCC and promote their strategies and programs that deliver positive social outcomes for disadvantaged Queenslanders. This could form part of the business' corporate social responsibility agenda, and include the delivery of a [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) or [Disability Action Plan](#) within the organisation citing clear actions and commitments.

How does it benefit my business?

When procuring goods and services, the Queensland Government prioritises businesses that advance the government's economic, environmental and social objectives. Suppliers who can demonstrate their commitment to a more inclusive Queensland when responding to social requirements in tenders, have a better opportunity to successfully participate in Queensland government tenders.

The QPP also requires government buyers to conduct a [local benefits test](#) (LBT) for all significant procurement activities, where a weighting of up to 30 per cent may be applied. A potential supplier can find out what a particular agency's significant procurement threshold is for applying the LBT at the [Business Queensland website](#). By understanding this threshold, you can add value to your tender submission by demonstrating local benefits (including social outcomes), even if it isn't requested specifically in the tender documentation.

One effective strategy for suppliers to demonstrate their commitment to delivering local benefits is by engaging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander businesses, or genuine, quality, [social enterprises](#) in their supply chains.

How do I deliver social outcomes?

There are numerous ways suppliers can demonstrate their commitment to delivering social outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Being a genuine, quality, social enterprise, providing award based wages (using the Supported Wage System where appropriate) and pathways to mainstream employment for disadvantaged Queenslanders.
- Utilising the services of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander businesses, or social enterprises, in your supply chains.
- Providing employment and/or training opportunities for people from marginalised backgrounds.
- Demonstrating that your workplace policies and practices are aimed at ending domestic and family violence.
- Demonstrating compliance with the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992 \(Cth\)](#).
- Providing pro bono support and assistance to a domestic violence shelter.
- Making donations to a registered charity.
- Delivering internal programs that support workforce diversity and wellbeing (e.g. mental health awareness training).

Where to go for more information

- Find a social enterprise:
 - [Social Traders](#)
 - [Queensland Social Enterprise Council](#)
- Find an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander business
 - [Supply Nation](#)
 - [Black Business Finder](#)
- Check the [interactive map](#) of Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) created by [Buyability](#)
- Adopt a [DFV workplace package](#) and establish a domestic violence workplace policy tailored to your workplace needs
- Business Queensland - [Supplier social targets and commitments](#)

For additional support and assistance please email socialprocurement@hpw.qld.gov.au.