

Sustainable Procurement Policy



Inland Rail is committed to identifying and managing the social, environmental and economic risks and opportunities within our supply chain. We recognise that improving our procurement performance is an ongoing process and that our suppliers are important partners in helping us achieve a positive legacy through design and construction of our program. We have utilised the *AS ISO20400:2018 Sustainable Procurement Guidance* to embed sustainability in our procurement practices.

Objectives

- ▶ Procure goods and services that cost-effectively deliver long term benefit to the asset, the environment and local communities
- ▶ Provide clear and early signals to the supply market to increase the availability and effectiveness of sustainable solutions that meet our organisational requirements
- ▶ Encourage our major suppliers and service providers to adopt sustainable and ethical practices in their organisation and drive such practices in their own supply chain
- ▶ Deliver procurement strategies that are responsive and adaptive to the local and regional context
- ▶ Implement the objectives and commitments outlined in this policy and pursue continuous improvement to achieve measurable change

Commitments

Inland Rail has considered the key sustainability issues that we will address through our procurement practices and supply chain and are committed to working with our current and future suppliers to achieve:

- ▶ Greater awareness of the benefits of sustainable procurement within Inland Rail and across our supply chain
- ▶ Collaborate to manage community and stakeholder expectations and regulatory requirements
- ▶ Targets, capability development and transferrable skills pathways for local and Indigenous businesses, individuals and social enterprises
- ▶ Work collaboratively to achieve an Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia 'excellent' program-wide rating
- ▶ Incorporate Total Cost Ownership and Life Cycle Cost considerations in relevant tenders
- ▶ Ensure working conditions for staff and sub-contractors are suitable for environmentally harsh conditions such as drought
- ▶ Cultural understanding and positive engagement with Traditional owners
- ▶ Manage and mitigate modern slavery issues in the procurement of products and/ or services
- ▶ Innovate and implement technologies, processes and options that significantly reduce water, energy and waste during design, construction and operations
- ▶ Maximise opportunities for procurement of construction materials that have low embodied energy and water profile
- ▶ Maximise opportunities for procurement from local and Indigenous businesses and social enterprises across Inland Rail program and projects
- ▶ Maximise opportunities to procure environmentally certified products or services for office stationery and equipment
- ▶ Quality data management practices and reporting of outcomes

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The logo for the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), consisting of the letters "ARTC" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "A" has a horizontal bar extending to the left, and the letter "C" has a horizontal bar extending to the right.

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