

# UNSW Sustainable Procurement Framework

## Vision

Delivering outstanding environmental, social and economic benefits to UNSW students, staff and community through UNSW supply chains

## Strategic priorities



### Environmental Sustainability

UNSW is committed to:

- Measuring supply chain greenhouse gas emissions and reducing them to net zero;
- Operations and purchasing activity that support the transition to a circular economy;
- Understanding our impacts on nature and taking action to reduce and mitigate them.



### Modern Slavery, Human and Labour Rights

- UNSW is committed to ensuring that: Operations and supply chains do not cause or contribute to modern slavery; and
- Our suppliers, collaborators and others with whom UNSW does business, respect and share our commitment with regard to minimizing the risk of modern slavery and ensuring that human and labour rights are respected.



### Social Procurement

UNSW aims to increase the social impact of our purchasing activity by increasing our procurement from:

- Indigenous-owned business;
- Women-owned business;
- Disability enterprises.



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## Guiding principles

- To ensure UNSW's procurement activities achieve the most positive environmental, social and economic impacts over the entire lifecycle;
- To engage and collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to foster innovation and achieve common goals;
- To maintain excellence of service whilst reducing overall consumption

## Our framework

This framework demonstrates UNSW's commitment to maximize positive sustainability outcomes across our procurement practices and throughout our supply chains. It is designed around four enabling areas of focus: our policy, our process, our people and our suppliers.

The framework is designed to support UNSW's broader commitments, namely the UNSW 2025 Strategic Plan and Environmental Sustainability Plan 2022-24, with the particular aim of working towards the strategic goal of Social Impact (Sustainable Development and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) and Climate Action (reducing value chain emissions), whilst ensuring that modern slavery, human and labour rights risks are addressed and minimized across UNSW's purchasing activities.

All road map actions are aligned with the principles of ISO 20400 – Sustainable procurement – Guidance and also support UNSW's responsibilities under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth). More detailed action plans for each strategic priority are being progressively developed and rolled out.

## Our policy

UNSW's Responsible Sourcing guidelines set clear commitments to drive impactful procurement activities. These shall be implemented via UNSW's Procurement Procedure and Policy, Modern Slavery Prevention Policy, Environmental Sustainability Policy and reinforces UNSW's Supplier Charter.

## Our process

UNSW's procurement systems, operational policies and processes shall include provisions which support the implementation of the policy's commitments and maintain value for money considerations beyond price.



## Our suppliers

Current and potential suppliers to UNSW shall understand the ethical, environmental and social expectations of them to behave and conduct business responsibly, actively seeking to improve environmental impacts whilst addressing risks of modern slavery.

## Our people

Procurement managers, senior management and UNSW staff will have the knowledge and tools to play their part in sustainable purchasing.

## Our portfolio categories



IT



Research and  
Medical Equipment  
Consumables



Corporate



Estate  
Management

