



Procurement Policy

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all types of procurement, including acquisition, provision and disposal of materials, services, facilities and human resources by the City of Parramatta Council. The principles in this policy, and the associated guidelines for implementation, must be followed by all employees (full time, part time, temporary and casual) as well as all consultants and contractors employed in any of Council's business units.

2. Purpose

This Policy has been developed to establish the guidelines for how Council's procurement practices will be undertaken.

3. Policy

To deliver on our commitment to procurement that meets operational requirements and achieves the highest commercial and sustainability outcomes, it is Council's policy to:

- Comply with applicable laws and documentation.
- Avoid unnecessary consumption, manage demand for goods and services, and maximise the efficiency of those products and services we do purchase.
- Establish procedures that ensure fair, open and effective competition, including by ensuring that tenders are called when required by legislation.
- Foster relationships with suppliers in a manner that is ethical, efficient, fair and transparent, and that respects their confidential information.
- Exercise responsible financial management and accountability for actions.
- Support the establishment of a diverse supply chain, with particular focus on entities that deliver or have potential to deliver social, economic and/or environmental benefit locally and/or regionally.
- Support Australian owned suppliers and / or suppliers who manufacture in Australia, where doing so is appropriate and permissible by law, focusing on those locally and/or regionally.
- Support suppliers and industry groups that develop and/or apply innovative responses in relation to sustainability issues.

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- Establish performance agreements with our key suppliers, monitor their performance over time.
- Develop practical and transparent tools for assessing and providing feedback to existing and potential suppliers about their proposals and performance.
- Identify and manage the risks associated with procurement.

4. Procedure

The Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 specify contracts for which a tender is required. This legislation describes this requirement using a financial measure that considers the spend over a typical period of time (currently \$250,000 inclusive of GST over an average 2-year period).

Procurement Guidelines have been developed to ensure that all staff are aware of the appropriate methods and requirements inherent in enacting purchases on behalf of Council.

5. Associated documents

Guidelines and procedures for implementation of this Policy are contained in:

- Procurement Guidelines

This Policy also has direct relationship to the following Council policies and must be read in conjunction with these, where applicable:

- Corporate Environmental Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Disposal of Assets Policy
- Statement of Business Ethics
- Code of Conduct
- Customers, Compliments and Complaints Policy

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