

## Social Enterprise & Social Procurement Policy vs3 August 2025

### Peter Rowland Group

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#### 1. Purpose

Peter Rowland Group (PRG) is committed to generating positive social impact through responsible procurement and supplier partnerships.

This policy formalises our commitment to engaging social enterprises, Indigenous-owned businesses and purpose-led suppliers as part of our broader sustainability and governance framework.

#### 2. Policy Statement

PRG recognises that procurement decisions are not solely commercial — they are an opportunity to support employment pathways, strengthen communities and promote ethical business practices.

We are committed to:

- Increasing engagement with certified social enterprises
- Supporting First Nations-owned businesses
- Partnering with suppliers that demonstrate measurable community impact
- Embedding social procurement considerations into purchasing decisions

#### 3. Definition

For the purposes of this policy:

- Social Enterprise refers to businesses that exist primarily to achieve social, cultural or environmental objectives and reinvest profits to support those objectives.
- Indigenous Business refers to enterprises owned and operated by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

#### 4. Procurement Principles

PRG will:

1. Consider social value alongside price, quality and service capability.
2. Prioritise Victorian and Australian suppliers where viable.
3. Seek opportunities to source from certified social enterprises (e.g. Social Traders registered businesses).
4. Increase engagement with Indigenous-owned suppliers where operationally feasible.
5. Maintain transparent supplier evaluation criteria including sustainability, ethical labour and governance standards.

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### 5. Implementation Measures

PRG's social procurement framework includes:

- Supplier mapping and identification of social enterprise opportunities
- Periodic review of procurement spend to assess social impact
- Integration of social procurement considerations into tender responses
- Collaboration with venue partners to align social impact objectives
- Recording and reporting social procurement participation where required

### 6. Indigenous Engagement

PRG acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we operate and is committed to:

- Increasing procurement from Indigenous-owned suppliers
- Supporting culturally appropriate product inclusion where respectfully sourced
- Encouraging supplier diversity and representation

### 7. Governance & Accountability

Responsibility for this policy sits with Senior Management.

PRG will:

- Review supplier performance annually
- Ensure compliance with ethical sourcing standards
- Maintain transparency in supplier selection processes

### 8. Continuous Improvement

PRG recognises that social procurement is an evolving practice. We commit to:

- Ongoing identification of new social enterprise partnerships
- Measuring progress where feasible
- Strengthening alignment with venue and institutional ESG objectives

### Commitment

Peter Rowland Group believes that commercial success and social impact are mutually reinforcing.

Through structured social procurement practices, we aim to contribute positively to the communities in which we operate while maintaining quality, integrity and operational excellence.