

Sustainable Procurement Policy

Statement of Intent

Savage Consulting will undertake procurement practices that minimise the impact of the business on the environment and society. It will achieve this by encouraging its employees, clients and partners to utilise goods that are environmentally and socially friendly throughout the product lifecycle.

Scope

This policy applies to the procurement of all goods and services including the engagement of sub-consultants.

Application

The following principles will be considered prior to the procurement of goods and services.

1. Avoid unnecessary consumption and manage demand

- Assess the need for a given purchase and whenever possible, reduce consumption through demand management initiatives.
- Consider the alternatives to buying a new replacement product: reuse, refurbish or recondition the existing product or its components to extend its life.
- Consider the ongoing service requirements of any product to be purchased.

2. Whole of life value for money

- Adopt a life-cycle costing approach to quantify the total cost of procuring products including operational performance, as opposed to only taking into account the initial cost. Factors to be considered include cost, fitness for purpose, quality, service life, support, and the costs of acquiring, using, maintaining and disposing.
- Ensure that decisions on sustainable values of products or services are evidence based.

3. Minimising environmental impacts

- With all factors being equal in the purchase of a product, choose a product with the least environmental impact.
- Refer to eco-labelling programs and government labelling programs to assist in assessing the environmental performance of products.
- Give preference to products that are reusable, recyclable and/or contain recycled content where such products fit the purpose, provide environmental benefits and are of comparable cost and quality to alternative products.

4. Engagement of suppliers

- Deal only with suppliers who:
 - Demonstrate a commitment to ethical behaviour and sound governance structures and processes.
 - Who meet their employment obligations as required by legislation.
 - Who have an exemplary record in regard to Workplace Health and Safety matters.