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Sustainable Procurement: The Beginning of a Journey

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An Easy Place to Start

- Procurement Policy
 - Value for money is achieved through the critical assessment of price, risk, timeliness, environmental, social, economic and qualitative factors...
 - Qualitative weighting may be afforded in the evaluation of quotes and tenders where suppliers can demonstrate sustainability... ***
 - Undertake best endeavours to not knowingly purchase products or services that are produced under conditions of employment that do not meet international conventions or labour laws or have negative social impacts...



*** Qualitative Criteria

- Sinking, Developing & Testing of Bores
 - Provide details of how the Respondent will minimise any adverse impact on the environment arising from the performance of the contract
- In-Situ Concrete
 - How has the Respondent ensured that the product minimising negative environmental impacts in sourcing and production
 - How will the Respondent ensure minimisation of negative environmental impacts in use and disposal of the product

Something More Practical

- Making the Procurement Team more sustainable
 - Going digital
 - Incorporating sustainability discussion into Procurement Planning Meetings
 - Learning more so we can lead by example and be ‘champions’
 - Market research



Challenges

- De-centralised Procurement Models
- Finding time
- Getting buy-in
- Determining value for money vs sustainability objectives
- Targets

Where to Now?

- Training, training, training
- Social Procurement (i.e. Victoria)
- Spending time with stakeholders to really learn their business and their products/services
- Finding time to be category managers
- Always seeking innovation
- Getting the leadership on board and ensuring they drive the implementation



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