

## What is sustainable procurement?

The objective of sustainable procurement is to factor in a wide range of benefits and costs involved in a purchase, considering the following four impacts:

- Economic – cost, value for money and economic impact of the purchase.
- Environmental – whole of life environmental impact of the product or service, including growth, manufacture, transport, construction and disposal.
- Social – social and ethical implications.
- Governance – application of good governance.

## What can be included in sustainable procurement criteria and evaluation?

Tweed Shire Council has identified the most relevant sustainability risks and opportunities for each of each purchasing categories and tailors each Request for Offer to be fit for purpose. This means that you won't be asked to respond to every criteria, every time.

Example sustainability criteria may include considerations of:

- Waste reduction – use of recycled and/or recyclable materials.
- Pollution threats – manage use of materials and manufacturing processes to avoid pollution, avoid use of harmful chemicals.
- Emissions reduction – how design, materials and construction methodology will minimise embodied carbon and carbon emissions from production.
- Diversity and inclusion – how you support diversity and inclusion in the workforce, including people with disabilities, diverse cultural backgrounds and First Nations employees.
- Modern slavery – how do you actively prevent modern slavery in your supply chain.
- Work health and safety – policies and practices to ensure safety throughout your supply chain.

## How are sustainable criteria evaluated?

Sustainable criteria are scored on a scale of 0 to 100%. While evaluation varies according to specific criteria requirements, example measures may include:

0	no meaningful response
1-20%	aspirational or generic targets or plans, lack of evidence or detail; applies to less than half of products/services
21-33%	applies to some products/services, limited evidence of plans available
34-50%	commitment to a target or plan (or equivalent) with some evidence of implementation; applies to more than half of products/services
51-66%	targets, policies or plans in place (or equivalent), evidence of implementation and some evidence of measurement towards targets
67-100%	policies or plans in place with evidence of implementation, targets are defined and being measured, evidence of impact or progress, applies to the majority of products/services



### **Are sustainability criteria weighted?**

Please check Request for Offer documentation as this may vary according to the priorities for each project. In most cases, a weighting of 5% applies to sustainability criteria, with this weighting to be reviewed in future.

### **Why are sustainability criteria included in Council's procurement?**

Sustainable procurement is consistent with Tweed Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan goals of protecting our environment; creating liveable places to live, work and play; supporting our people and economy to thrive; and working together to grow for a sustainable future.

### **Do local preference weightings still apply?**

Yes, a Local Preference Schedule applies as per the Procurement Policy Section 4, with a weighting of 10%.