

**Submission**

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## **INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**

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**Summary**



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Chair  
Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street  
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Dear Mr McLeay *Paul*

Thank you for your letter calling for submissions into an inquiry into sustainable procurement.

I am advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) follows the NSW Government Procurement Guidelines on Environmental Management, NSW Government Procurement and the Code of Practice for Procurement.

The RTA has no bias against environmental friendly products in contracts provided they meet the RTA's specifications and actively encourage the use of recycled products.

Environmental considerations are included in plans, tender and contract documentation including specific environmental management specifications. Environment is a standard selection criteria in construction contracts.

The RTA supports initiatives in the area of sustainable procurement given the scale of purchasing by the NSW Government and the ability to use this to stimulate the market for more sustainable goods and services.

The RTA has commenced a project aimed at developing strategies to improve the environmental performance of the RTA and its supply chain.

The RTA believes that NSW agencies would benefit from the development of whole of government guidance on sustainable procurement.

Whole of government guidance may include information on:

- How environmental issues associated with the supply of goods and services are assessed as part of determining whether government is being offered best value for money. For example, what weighting is given to environmental criteria compared to cost, occupational health and safety, quality, experience of companies etc.

- Tools to assist government agencies assess the environmental claims of companies and goods and services being procured.
- The different methods for engaging with the supply chain. Options may include: screening suppliers for environmental performance, setting of environmental performance goals in contracts, working collaboratively with suppliers.
- Provision of training and information to build capacity within the NSW Government on sustainable procurement practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this inquiry.

Yours sincerely



**Michael Daley MP**  
**Minister**