

# Utilities Trust of Australia

# Modern Slavery Statement 2024

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### Foreword

Utilities of Australia Pty Limited ("UoA", "we", "us" or "our") acts as the trustee of UTA. The board of directors of UoA (the "Board") believes that the respect of human rights is an integral part of society, and that modern slavery (exhibited in any form) should be globally eradicated.

We are pleased to publish our fifth modern slavery statement in relation to the activities undertaken by UTA and its investee entities (the "Statement"). This Statement provides an overview of our approach to modern slavery and outlines the progress made towards identifying and addressing modern slavery risks within UTA investee entities' supply chain during the reporting period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (the "Reporting Period").

The Board acknowledges the work of the United Nations and accepts its standards of achievement for all peoples and nations within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (the "UN Declaration"). Based on the UN Declaration, we understand that infringements on human rights can occur in many forms and across many countries and industries.

The Board believes that action should be taken globally to eradicate modern slavery. We understand that UTA's investments may be exposed to the risk of human rights breaches and modern slavery (particularly if the procurement activities undertaken by UTA's investee entities are not managed appropriately). We do not tolerate activities (including within UTA's investee entities) that infringe on human rights or support modern forms of slavery.

This statement has been prepared and made on behalf by Morrison Utilities Management Pty Limited ABN 66 624 308 809 ("Utilities Management"). Utilities Management has been appointed by Morrison Private Markets Pty Limited ABN 71 136 338 906 ("Private Markets"), the holder of an Australian Financial Services Licence (Licence Number 340502), as Private Markets' 'authorised representative' for the purposes of section 916A of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Australian Financial Services Authorised Representative Number 001264664). Utilities Management and Private Markets are members of the Morrison Group ("Morrison").

Morrison has established a human rights and modern slavery program which focuses on ensuring that the risk of human rights and modern slavery infringements within UTA's supply chain is minimised. As a signatory to the UN supported Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI"), Morrison actively engages on environmental, social and governance issues ("ESG") with the companies in which it invests with the aim of enhancing their performance and minimising investment risks associated with ESG factors.

In this Reporting Period, Morrison engaged legal subject matter experts and third-party data providers to provide insights and strengthen the approach to the management of human rights risks that Morrison, UTA and UTA's investee entities are exposed to across both its corporate and investment supply chains. This analysis allowed Morrison to continue implementing a modern slavery action plan across the business.

We are committed to understanding modern slavery risks that may arise within each of the industry sectors in which UTA invests. The Manager actively engages with UTA's investments to determine the extent to which appropriate steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Andrew Cooke Chairman, Utilities of Australia Pty Ltd

#### About this Statement

This is the modern slavery statement made on behalf of Utilities Trust of Australia (ABN 81 104 406 256) ("UTA" or the "Fund") for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 (the "Statement").

It has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth). This Statement was prepared by Morrison Utilities Management Pty Limited (ABN 66 624 308 809); AFS Representative Number 001264664 (the "Manager") (the manager of UTA) and approved by the Board of Directors of Utilities of Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 55 063 384 127; AFSL number 234599) ("UoA") (the trustee of UTA) on 17 December 2024.

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#### **Related Policies & Documents**

- UoA Human Rights & Modern Slavery Position Statement
- Morrison Modern Slavery Statement
- Morrison Human Rights & Modern Slavery Position Statement

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### INTRODUCTION

THIS MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT ("STATEMENT") HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2023 – 30 JUNE 2024 (THE "REPORTING PERIOD").

This Statement describes the activities of UTA, its portfolio investments and their respective operations, and outlines:

- The approach to identify risks of modern slavery occurring in our operations and supply chains.
- The actions taken to assess and address these risks.
- The assessment of the effectiveness of actions taken to address modern slavery risks.

#### Definitions

Board: The board of directors of UoA.

Manager: Morrison Utilities Management Pty Limited (ABN 66 624 308 809); AFS Representative Number 001264664

**Modern Slavery**: Describes situations where coercion, threats, or deception is used to exploit victims and undermine their freedom. Practices that constitute modern slavery can include human trafficking, slavery, servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, deceptive recruiting for labour or services and child labour (where children are subjected to slavery or similar practices). It does not include practices like substandard working conditions or underpayment of workers.

Investee entity/ies: A privately owned infrastructure entities in which UTA holds an ownership interest.

Statement: This Modern Slavery Statement.

**Reporting Period**: the financial year of UTA (which, for the purposes of this Report, is the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024).

**Tier**: The level at which a supplier participates in an organisation's corporate supply chain. A Tier 1 supplier is a direct supplier to UTA or a investee entity . A Tier 2 supplier provides goods or services to a Tier 1 supplier, and so on.

"UTA" or the "Fund": Utilities Trust of Australia (ABN 81 104 406 256).

"UoA": Utilities Trust of Australia Ltd (ABN 55 063 384 127; AFSL number 234599)

### ABOUT UTA

UTA IS AN OPEN-ENDED CORE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS WITH A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT HORIZON AND A LOW TO MODERATE RISK APPETITE.

### **Structure & Operations**

Established in 1994, UTA was one of Australia's first infrastructure investment funds. The Fund has a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets in Australia and the United Kingdom, and a track record of delivering strong returns with low volatility over time. As at 30 June 2024, UTA had more than AUD\$8.0 billion in assets under management and undrawn commitments. UTA's investments play many important roles in society, including enabling the decarbonisation of regional and national energy, providing drinking water to communities, supporting local and global connectivity, and ensuring critical information security.

#### Portfolio

as at 30 June 2024

Investee Entity	Location	Sector
PERTH AIRPORT	Australia	Airports
AUSTRALIA PACIFIC AIRPORTS CORPORATION	Australia	Airports
TRANSGRID	Australia	Electricity Transmission and Distribution
ELECTRANET	Australia	Electricity Transmission and Distribution
SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT	Australia	Water Utilities
SOUTH EAST WATER	United Kingdom	Water Utilities
AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY INVESTMENTS	Australia	Data Infrastructure

### **Corporate Governance**

UoA (the trustee of UTA) is a special purpose company with shares owned by (or for the benefit of) all investors and the Manager. The Board currently comprises nine directors (consisting of six directors nominated by investors (or a class of investors) and three independent directors nominated by the Board).



#### Figure 1: UTA governance structure

The Board has an overriding duty to ensure that UoA carries out its functions and responsibilities in accordance with the terms of the trust deed of UTA (the "UTA Trust Deed"), the constitution of UoA (the "UoA Constitution") and relevant laws. The Board also supervises the Manager in carrying out its responsibilities under the UTA Trust

Deed. In its capacity as the trustee of UTA, UoA owes fiduciary duties to UTA investors (including a duty to act in the best interests of UTA investors as a whole).

The Board meets frequently during the year. The Board has established the following two sub-committees to strengthen its governance, namely:

- the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee; and
- the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee.

# MODERN SLAVERY RISKS IN OUR OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN

### Approach to Modern Slavery Risk Mapping

In the Reporting Period Morrison undertook a review of operational activities that occur within its corporate supply chain as well as each industry sector in which Morrison manages its clients' investments, including the investee entities within UTA. This was undertaken in conjunction with ESG data provider, Fair Supply.

Fair Supply utilises proprietary technology to link global trade flow data through multi-regional input-output tables with supplier spend data to map the global supply chain up to the tenth tier and beyond, across more than 200 countries and more than 40,000 sectors globally. The analysis, refreshed annually by Morrison, provides detailed supply chain data for the sectors in which UTA's investee entities operate.

### **UTA Supply Chain Overview**

The three key elements of UTA's supply chain are: (a) the Manager; (b) other directly engaged professional service providers; and (c) UTA's investee entities (investments).

**Management services:** The day-to-day management of UTA has been delegated to the Manager, Morrison. Morrison is a specialist global infrastructure manager, investing in both private and listed markets from seven offices (Wellington, Auckland, Sydney, Melbourne, London, New York and Singapore). Morrison completes an annual Modern Slavery Statement under the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth).

**Other professional services**: UTA engages specialists to provide professional services that include financial auditing, legal, accounting and taxation advice (and other services that may be required). Professional services firms are generally categorised as low risk as they rely on a highly skilled professional workforce. However, we are conscious that professional service firms may be exposed to modern slavery risk through their own supply chains.

**Investments:** UTA is a long-term owner of privately owned infrastructure businesses. UTA typically holds significant minority positions in each investment, and UTA's level of control and influence over the investee entities varies depending on the level of UTA's ownership of each business. UTA's investee entities carry on business in a number of different sectors and geographies and are managed by their own boards of directors and management teams. UTA does not directly operate any of its investee entities. Accordingly, UTA's activities with respect to the investee entities focus primarily on UTA's role and responsibilities as an owner of those businesses. Each of UTA's investee entities has its own supply chain, which is a mixture of outsourced and in-house operations, and each such investee entity oversees its own outsourcing or in-house activities.

### **UTA Supply Chain Risks**

#### **Management Services**

Morrison had approximately 440 direct suppliers in its corporate supply chain during FY24. As a global organisation, Morrison procures a range of goods and services worldwide to support our operation. The majority of our suppliers are located in Australia and New Zealand. These jurisdictions have been identified by the Global Slavery Index (GSI) as having a relatively low prevalence of modern slavery and a strong level of government response, presenting an overall lower risk of modern slavery compared to the rest of the world.

Other jurisdictions from which Morrison procures goods and services are located in the UK and US. These two locations have similarly been identified by the GSI as having a strong level of government response, demonstrating a lower risk of modern slavery compared to the rest of the world.

Morrison acknowledges that Singapore has been identified as having a higher level of vulnerability to modern slavery and a lower level of government response when compared to the other countries in which our offices are located. However, Morrison's operations in Singapore largely utilise suppliers that are skilled professionals with a low risk of exposure to sources of vulnerable labour.

Geography is one aspect of understanding modern slavery risk, with industry analysis being another useful lens. Morrison identified key areas of spend by industry assisted by the analysis undertaken by Fair Supply, outlined below. Morrison applied a materiality threshold of over A\$25,000 in annual spend, resulting in a total of 148 qualifying suppliers for the period ending FY24 (making up 95% of overall Morrison spend). Utilising Fair Supply's industry classifications, Morrison FY24 supplier expenditure fell into the following categories outlined in Table 1 below.

#### Table 1: Results of Morrison's modern slavery risk mapping of its corporate supply chain from FY24

SECTOR	SECTOR TRAITS	KEY RISK AREAS
Morrison Corporate Supply Chain		
Professional services – 60% to 70% of FY24 supplier spend Financial advisors Lawyers Industry experts Other professional services consultants (This risk also applies to UTA 'Other Professional Services')	Morrison engage specialists to provide professional services including financial, auditing, legal, accounting and taxation advice, insurance, strategy, marketing, communications and research services.	This industry generally has a relatively low level of modern slavery risk as it comprises a highly skilled professional workforce that is generally tertiary educated and commands strong levels of bargaining power in the workplace. Despite this, professional services, as indicated in this Statement, may incur modern slavery risk through their supply chain.
Business support services – 15% to 20% of FY24 supplier spend         •       Business travel incl airlines and accommodation         •       Hospitality/events management         •       Catering and kitchen supplies	Morrison utilises travel, hospitality and accommodation providers as part of its ongoing operations. These industries carry an elevated risk of modern slavery from the various inputs required to facilitate air travel, hotel accommodation and hospitality/catering services.	The travel industry has a significant amount of unskilled labour in the form of hospitality workers and cleaning staff and has a noted reliance on migrant labour for its workforce. Catering and kitchen supplies such as tea and coffee can also come with an elevated risk of modern slavery
Real estate services – 1% to 5% of         FY24 supplier spend         • Commercial office landlords         • Commercial office fit out including furniture         • Facilities management         • Waste removal         • Security services	Morrison procures real estate services relating to our corporate offices including commercial office accommodation and facilities management contractors. This industry is characterised by a higher instance of lower skilled, migrant workers which places it in a higher risk category for modern slavery.	Key industries with an elevated risk of modern slavery include cleaning, security and waste management.
<ul> <li>Computer and IT services - 5% to 10% of FY24 supplier spend</li> <li>Computers and associated hardware</li> <li>Mobile phones</li> <li>Software</li> <li>Cloud technology</li> </ul>	Morrison engages with information technology equipment, software, cloud providers and mobile telecommunication suppliers in order to facilitate our services. This industry has a comparatively higher level of modern slavery risk due to the nature of the equipment, its manufacturing and the sourced input materials. With the majority of IT technology sourced from Asia and specifically manufactured in South-East Asia (identified by the International Labour Organisations Global Estimates of Modern Slavery as having the highest number of estimated slaves in the world), the industry has been subject to significant scrutiny.	IT equipment such as computers and associated hardware and software, and mobile phones. Partnering with reputable brand names should reduce the risk of modern slavery in the supply chain.

The analysis confirmed that Morrison's direct suppliers are generally low risk for modern slavery. This is largely due to the location of the majority of its operations being in Australia and New Zealand, jurisdictions with high standards of governance, as well as the categories of suppliers that Morrison employs (predominantly professional services firms where employees are from highly educated and skilled backgrounds). A number of suppliers in professional services, hospitality and tourism sectors were classified as moderate-low risk.

In the reporting period, Morrison also undertook desktop due diligence on the top 20 suppliers of its corporate supply chain. Please refer to Morrison FY24 Modern Slavery Statement for more information.

#### **Other Professional Services**

Morrison engaged experts to review the modern slavery risk in UTA's professional services supply chain in 2023 (outside the Reporting Period). The outcome was very similar to the Morrison corporate review. This assessment was not completed in the Reporting Period given UTA's Corporate Supply Chain Risks are very similar to Morrison's Corporate Supply Chain (see Table 1).

#### Investments

In order to better understand the total modern slavery risk exposure of investee entities, Morrison undertook an analysis of the UTA portfolio using Fair Supply. Table 2 summarises the results of the analysis, including sector traits and key risk areas by sector.

The Fair Supply platform confirmed that UTA has a low risk of modern slavery exposure. This conclusion was predominantly due to UTA's investee entities being: (a) located in Australia and the UK (jurisdictions with high standards of corporate governance); and (b) in sectors that are relatively low risk.

The divestment of Phoenix Energy from the portfolio, which historically had the highest risks of modern slavery exposure (relative to UTA's other investee entities) lowered the overall risk of modern slavery exposure for the portfolio.

SECTOR	SECTOR TRAITS	KEY RISK AREAS		
UTA Investment Portfolio Supply Chain				
<b>Airports</b> Australia	<ul> <li>Airports typically employ a relatively limited direct workforce but engage a multitude of contractors and subcontractors to undertake facility services.</li> <li>Further, there are many tenants on site that may employ their own contractors (aeronautical, retail and commercial).</li> <li>Construction activities occur frequently onsite and are often major developments.</li> <li>Directly engaged contractors are considered a key focus to alleviate any modern slavery risks from company-controlled operations, followed by tenants and their contractors associated with the airport.</li> <li>Airports are increasingly developing on-site solar farms, which presents an emerging risk as solar panels (in particular the raw materials) can have high risk of modern slavery.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintenance services such as cleaning and security</li> <li>Construction activities</li> <li>Security</li> <li>ICT</li> <li>Solar panels for onsite solar farms</li> <li>Human trafficking and detainment</li> </ul>		
Water Utilities Australia United Kingdom	Organisations associated with the provision of water for public use are primarily office based with some infield operations required for maintenance, testing and engineering purposes. Contractors are often engaged for construction and design of major works and specialist engineering services are required across the network. Contractors are also procured for maintenance services such as cleaning, security. Equipment, including ICT hardware, network equipment, and workwear, may be sourced from countries with an increased risk of modern slavery occurrences.	<ul> <li>Maintenance services such as cleaning and security</li> <li>Office supplies and IT equipment</li> <li>Construction activities</li> <li>Equipment manufactured offshore</li> <li>Support services procured offshore e.g., IT helpdesk, HR &amp; payroll</li> </ul>		
Energy Transmission & Distribution Australia	Organisations associated with electricity transmission and distribution operate out of offices however also have infield operations for construction projects and as required for for maintenance and engineering purposes. Contractors are often engaged for construction or major works and services including specialist engineering services. Equipment, including ICT hardware, network equipment, and workwear, may be sourced from countries with an increased risk of modern slavery occurrences.	<ul> <li>Construction and maintenance activities</li> <li>Equipment manufactured offshore</li> <li>Support services procured offshore e.g., IT helpdesk, HR &amp; payroll</li> </ul>		

Table 2: Results of FY24 Morrison modern slavery risk mapping of its major sectors within the UTA portfolio

SECTOR	SECTOR TRAITS	KEY RISK AREAS
Data Infrastructure	Organisations operating within the data infrastructure sector (such as digital registries) are wholly office-based, with little to no contractors.	<ul> <li>Support services procured offshore e.g., data warehousing, customer call centres</li> <li>Telecommunications and IT equipment manufactured offshore</li> <li>Contracted facility services (i.e., cleaning and security)</li> </ul>
Australia	Equipment used at the office site and IT (including IT services) may be sourced from countries with an increased risk of modern slavery occurrences.	
	Key inputs include IT, the procurement of which attracts modern slavery risk through the sourcing of manufactured circuit boards for use in IT equipment, and further down in the supply chain from the sourcing of raw materials such as gold, tin and other metals that have been termed "conflict minerals".	

### ACTIONS TAKEN TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

THE BOARD HAS DEFINED ITS EXPECTATIONS FOR MINIMISING MODERN SLAVERY RISK ACROSS THE UTA PORTFOLIO. IT EXPECTS THAT BY DELIVERING THESE EXPECTATIONS, THE LIKELIHOOD OF MODERN SLAVERY OCCURRING WITHIN ITS SUPPLY CHAIN WILL BE MINIMISED.

The Board's Human Rights & Modern Slavery Position Statement describes the commitments that UoA has made in its capacity as trustee of UTA in relation to human rights and modern slavery. Commitments include:

- understanding and monitoring the materiality of human rights and modern slavery risks within UTA's portfolio, and considering these risks in the investment services that the Manager provides;
- optimising its corporate systems and processes to minimise the risk of the Board being complicit in human rights and modern slavery violations;
- seeking to ensure that (where UTA has board representation) UTA's investee entities understand how they
  might be exposed to human rights and modern slavery violations, and the steps they can take to assess and
  mitigate these risks; and
- assisting UTA's investee entities in their reporting in accordance with legislation in the jurisdictions in which they operate, including the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) and the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act (2015).

### Actions of the Manager

Morrison, as Manager is responsible for understanding and, where feasible, seeking the mitigation of ESG risks associated with the business activities of UTA's investee entities.

In addition to the actions of 1) **assessing the UTA portfolio through Fair Supply** (as detailed on page 5) and 2) **modern slavery risk mapping** (as detailed in Table 2), Morrison has completed the following actions that support assessing and addressing modern slavery risks:

#### Human Rights & Modern Slavery Position Statement

Approved in 2020, Morrison's Human Rights & Modern Slavery Position Statement ("**Position Statement**") describes the commitments that Morrison has made in relation to human rights and modern slavery. These include:

- Undertake an annual modern slavery risk review of our corporate supply chain.
- Engage with our higher-risk suppliers to determine the extent to which human rights and modern slavery risks are being incorporated and monitored in their operations and supply chains.
- Seek to ensure that our corporate policies and procedures are considerate of human rights and modern slavery to minimise the risk of Morrison becoming complicit in human rights violations and modern slavery. We have confidential grievance reporting mechanisms in place.
- Provide human rights and modern slavery-related learning and development opportunities to our employees.
- As part of our investment management process:
  - Integrate human rights and modern slavery risks into our investment recommendations and asset management processes.
  - Actively engage with Portfolio Entities, industry bodies and other key stakeholders on human rights and modern slavery-related matters and, where appropriate, we apply our influence to ensure that modern slavery risks are being appropriately managed and mitigated.

• Seek to monitor human rights and modern slavery risks and support our clients in their reporting under the Act and the UK-equivalent of the Act, and any other applicable legislation, where required.

In the Reporting Period, there were no amendments to the Position Statement.

#### **Investee Entity Engagement**

Morrison's sustainable investment team has specific experience in developing and implementing modern slavery and supply chain due diligence programs, experience which has been shared with investee entities.

Morrison's sustainable investment team and investment team engage with investee entities on modern slavery risk, as appropriate, including review of investee entities modern slavery statements to understand maturity of approach to modern slavery.

#### **Modern Slavery Action Plan**

Morrison formalised its Modern Slavery Action Plan in 2023 to guide attention on areas of critical importance to operations and supply chains. The Action Plan continues to guide Morrison's actions to further mitigate and minimise modern slavery risk and allows Morrison to set out clear achievable goals and measure our ongoing progress. The Action Plan describes Morrison's approach to risk assessment, the policies and procedures that are implemented to help mitigate risk, training, approach to grievances and remediation actions, and the framework to evaluate our progress.

#### **Supplier Code of Conduct**

In the Reporting Period, Morrison established a Supplier Code of Conduct that describes Morrison's commitment to environmental, social and governance factors including upholding labour rights, minimising modern slavery risk and communicating expectations to suppliers.

#### **Remediation Process**

In the Reporting Period, Morrison developed a remediation process for its employees to use to address suspected occurrences of modern slavery. The Remediation Process for Occurrences of Modern Slavery ("**Remediation Process**") is part of the suite of corporate policies and procedures to support Morrison employees to confidently respond to and remediate instances of modern slavery should they be discovered (or suspected) in Morrison's corporate supply chain or the supply chain of an investee entity.

The Remediation Process was established to provide guidance on immediate steps Morrison employees should take while also leveraging existing corporate processes.

#### **Training & Education**

To support the commitment to minimising modern slavery risk, Morrison provides training to relevant employees on a regular basis to ensure that there is the breadth of knowledge across the firm and the awareness of where and how Modern Slavery can occur within the supply chain or within portfolio entities. In addition, Morrison's employee induction process incorporates online human rights and modern slavery training.

In the Reporting Period, an online modern slavery training module was assigned to all Morrison employees. Modern slavery insights were provided to the Morrison Management Team and Board, including outputs from the Fair Supply analysis concerning Morrison's corporate supply chain and investment activities.

#### **Industry Collaboration**

Morrison has been a signatory to the PRI since 2010. Morrison also a member of the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia ("**RIAA**") and sit on the Human Rights Working Group.

# ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UTA'S APPROACH

## THE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO APPLYING A DISCIPLINED, ONGOING FOCUS ON THE IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT OF MODERN SLAVERY RISK.

As the manager of UTA, Morrison also seeks to ensure a disciplined approach to the ongoing identification, monitoring and management of modern slavery risk to ensure the effectiveness of its actions. By refreshing the use of independent, data-driven software, Morrison is able to track movements in UTA's modern slavery risk exposure from year to year in a comparable manner.

With the refreshed supply chain mapping exercise from Fair Supply, Morrison conducted a comparative analysis of the key quantitative metric, theoretical slaves per million dollars spent. This weighted metric ignores the amount spent with each supplier and instead provides an understanding of the inherent modern slavery risk presented by that supplier. Despite the use of this metric, Morrison acknowledges that the issue of modern slavery is complex and while the Fair Supply analysis supports an understanding of information that is difficult to ascertain through conventional means, Morrison will continue to rely on a multi-faceted approach to identifying and analysing our modern slavery risk.

Morrison remains committed to a deeper understanding of our suppliers to a greater extent. The qualitative analysis undertaken during this reporting period demonstrated a significant commitment by investee entities and suppliers to implement modern slavery risk mitigation in their corporate governance and take proactive steps to combat it within their operations and supply chains.

The Board is committed to reviewing the effectiveness of the requirements of its policies and position statements on an annual basis and reporting in accordance with the Act. Morrison is also committed to periodically reviewing modern slavery risks within its operations and supply chain to ensure its position remains current.

This Reporting Period also marks the second year of Morrison's Modern Slavery Action Plan which sets out the strategy to continually improve our response of modern slavery risk on an annual basis. The actions and timeline set out in the Action Plan will provide Morrison with qualitative measurements on the progress and the efficacy of Morrison's strategy to continue to identify, assess and mitigate modern slavery risk in operations and supply chains, including in investment management and UTA's investee entities.

As part of Morrison's Modern Slavery Action Plan, this Reporting Period included the development of a remediation plan. As typical of most large organisations with global operations, Morrison's global supply chain is long and complex. It is acknowledged that the identification of modern slavery risk will require ongoing attention.

# PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITH ENTITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED

AS MANAGER, MORRISON DOES NOT OWN OR HAVE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF UTA INVESTEE ENTITIES HOWEVER MORRISON UNDERTAKES ONGOING AND SOMETIMES EXTENSIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INVESTEE ENTITIES ON MATERIAL ESG ISSUES, INCLUDING THAT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MODERN SLAVERY.

Morrison's Sustainable Investment team has specific experience in developing and implementing modern slavery and supply chain due diligence programs, experience which has been shared with investee entities. Morrison's Sustainable Investment team and its investment team engage with investee entities on modern slavery risk, as appropriate, including review of investee entities modern slavery statements to understand maturity of approach to modern slavery.

### NEXT STEPS

UTA RECOGNISES THAT MODERN SLAVERY IS A COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING ISSUE AND OUR RESPONSE TO IT WILL EVOLVE OVER TIME AS FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSIGHTS ARE OBTAINED.

Future initiatives and actions to be undertaken by Morrison as Manager may include:

- Ongoing engagement with Fair Supply to provide continued comparative analysis of modern slavery risk;
- A review of the relevant policies and initiatives that are in place at the investee entities to gain a better understanding of where the vulnerabilities within the portfolio exist;
- Overlaying the proposed vulnerability assessment with the outputs from the Fair Supply analysis to better identify overall modern slavery risk and inform engagement with investee entities;

UTA and the Manager, Morrison, will strive for continual improvement and will update on progress annually.

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