



# **Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd**

#### **Modern Slavery Commitment**

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## 1 Our Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to set out Bielby's position on Modern Slavery and our actions and responsibilities in relation to such matters. This is our first statement under the Modern Slavery Act (2018) and covers the Financial Year 2020/2021. This statement outlines our approach to ensuring that Bielby has robust frameworks and processes in place to minimise the risk of modern slavery in our business operations and supply chain.

### 2 Our Policy Commitment

Human rights are the basic standards of treatment to which everyone is entitled, regardless of gender, race, nationality, economic status, or religion.

Bielby is committed to developing an organisational culture which implements a policy of support for internationally recognised human rights. We support the principles contained within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, the ILO Core Conventions on Labour Standards, and the Australian Modern Slavery Act.

Bielby is committed to supporting the fundamental human rights of our people, as well as the people we work for and work with.

At Bielby, we treat our people with fairness, respect, and dignity, we follow practices that promote health and safety, and we lead aligning with our core values.

We reject any activities which may cause or contribute to forced or bonded labour, child labour, human trafficking, slavery, servitude, forced marriage or deceptive recruiting for labour or services (modern slavery).

Our people, suppliers and business partners must understand our commitment to upholding human rights and should ensure that they comply with these commitments when they are performing work for Bielby or when representing Bielby.

#### 3 Our Business and Supply Chain

Bielby is a privately owned and operated Queensland based, civil engineering group, providing leading earthworks and infrastructure capabilities to clients across Australia.

Established in 1991, the core trading entity, Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd, has recognised relationships with subcontractors and suppliers, both long term and new, who are engaged as required based on pre-evaluation criteria at appointment of any new work contract awarded.

As of November 2021, Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd has 170 direct employees and approximately 400 suppliers and subcontractors in its supply chain.



#### 4 Our Values



## 5 Our Modern Slavery Risk Management

In Australia the Global Slavey Index 2018 (GSI) has a low prevalence of modern slavery, however Bielby is committed to monitoring and ensuring our business practices and those with whom we work for, work with or sub-contract to comply.

Bielby follows a structured risk management process involving us identifying, reviewing, rating, controlling and then monitoring the controls to ensure the risk is being effectively managed. As our business model involves both a self-performing and sub-contracting models, we consider we have significant visibility of all areas of management when self-performing and can ensure we are meeting the expectations of our policy commitment. Through our tendering and supply chain assessment, selection, and management processes we can mitigate our risk when sub-contracting, through utilising well recognised and renowned Australian companies, who align with our values, culture, and commitments.



#### 6 Our Actions / Priorities

Over the next year Bielby will:

- 1. Seek greater understanding of our obligations under Modern Slavery.
- 2. Conduct a risk assessment of our supply chains for potential slavery risks.
- 3. Take steps to address any potential modern slavery risks that are identified.
- 4. Develop and review company policies on modern slavery in operations and supply chains.
- 5. Communicate modern slavery commitments to Senior Management team; and
- 6. Train the Bielby Senior Management Team in modern slavery commitments and obligations.

## 7 Our Effectiveness / Performance Indicators

The effectiveness of our actions will be assessed through Internal Auditing of our systems and process that will show our compliance with our obligations.

Bielby also offers a Whistle-blower process by which Bielby Employees, our Clients, our Subcontractors, and all others can report any allegations of improper conduct in regard to its business operations and/or supply chain. This process and any allegations will provide a measure of our effectiveness.

#### 8 Approval

This statement was approved by the board of Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd, in their capacity as principal governing body of Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd, on 10 December 2021.

Adam Edwards Managing Director Dated: 10 December 2021

Terry Cogill Executive Director Dated: 10 December 2021

Thank you.