

## **Modern Slavery Act Statement**

The attached is submitted as Western Health's statement in accordance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act

### **Identify the reporting entity**

Western Health ABN 61 166 735 672

### **Describe the reporting entity's structure, operations and supply chains**

Western Health is a Victorian Public Health Agency operating under the Health Act of Victoria.

Western Health (WH) manages three acute public Hospitals: Footscray Hospital, Sunshine Hospital and Williamstown Hospital. It also operates the Sunbury Day Hospital and a transition care program at Hazeldean in Williamstown. A wide range of community services are also managed by Western Health, along with a large Drug Health and Addiction Medicine Service.

Services are provided to the western region of Melbourne which has a population of over 900,000 people.

Western Health provides a comprehensive, integrated range of services from its various sites; ranging from acute tertiary services in areas of emergency medicine, intensive care, medical and surgical services, through to subacute care and specialist ambulatory clinics. Western Health provides a combination of hospital and community-based services to aged, adult and paediatric patients and newborn babies. Employing approximately 7,000 staff,

The majority of operating cost is staffing (80%); of the remainder the largest component is drug supplies sourced from major wholesale drug companies.

### **Describe the risks of modern slavery practices in the operations and supply chains of the reporting entity and any entities it owns or controls**

To the best of its knowledge there are no known risks of modern slavery within Western Health operations or its sole controlled entity The Western Health Foundation.

Enquiries were made into the Western Health supply chain but no specific risks were identified.

### **Describe the actions taken by the reporting entity and any entities it owns or controls to assess and address these risks, including due diligence and remediation processes**

Enquiries have been made of all suppliers regarding the risks of modern slavery within their organisation or their supply chain.

None have been identified but some suppliers have, or are, putting in place procedures and processes to identify such risks if they exist.

### **Describe how the reporting entity assesses the effectiveness of these actions**

There are no specific identified risks and therefore there can be no assessment of the effectiveness of any actions.

### **Describe the process of consultation with any entities the reporting entity owns or controls (a joint statement must also describe consultation with the entity giving the statement)**

Western Health has only one entity it controls. That entity, The Western Health Foundation, is staffed by Western Health employees and therefore all its procurement is undertaken by Western Health.

### **Provide any other relevant information.**

Nil.

Endorsed by the Western Health Board November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Signed by Ms Robyn Batten Board Chair Western Health

