

2021

Citywide Modern Slavery Statement







INTRODUCTION

This Modern Slavery Statement is made by Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd, a reporting entity under the Australian *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth), and its subsidiaries (collectively, **Citywide**, **we** or **us**) for the year ended 30th June 2021 (**FY21**).

The purpose of this Statement is to outline Citywide's approach to implement systems and improvements to ensure that Citywide has the appropriate policies and processes in place to minimise the risk of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains, as required by the *Act*.

Our modern slavery compliance program and related policies and processes including our Code of Conduct are intended to apply across Citywide. The development of this Statement and the steps outlined involved consultation with key staff, management and executives of Citywide including its subsidiaries.

Citywide acknowledges that slavery and human trafficking can occur in many forms, such as forced labour, child labour, domestic servitude, sex trafficking and workplace abuse. It can include the restriction of a person's freedom of movement by physical or non-physical means.

OUR STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

Established by the City of Melbourne in 1995, Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd is a leading industrial services organisation. Together with its subsidiaries, we provide high quality environmental, open space, civil infrastructure, energy and utilities services across Australia's Eastern Seaboard.

For Citywide, **Shaping Liveable Cities** is more than our tagline – it is our Purpose and our Mission. Citywide is responsible for maintaining many of Australia's most valued public spaces, iconic boulevards, municipalities and a complete range of electrical services via recent acquisitions.

Citywide Group snapshot (FY21)

Revenue	~ \$300 million
Employees	~ 1,200
Operating sites	~ 28
Suppliers	~ 2,000
Supplier spend	~ \$150 million

Subsidiaries

Citywide Utilities Pty Ltd	
Sterling Group Services Pty Ltd	
A.W.D. Earthmoving Pty Ltd	
Technigro Australia Pty Ltd	
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For further information about Citywide's business, including its brands and subsidiaries, see www.citywide.com.au

Citywide has a large and diverse supply chain across goods and services in Australia and globally ranging from local sub-contractors, local distributors of goods to global distributors and manufacturers from China, Japan, Sweden, Germany and USA. The bulk of overseas-sourced material/equipment is procured through local distributor networks, not directly from the manufacturer. Ninety per cent of our suppliers are from within Australia.

Citywide procures small & large materials and tools to assist in carrying out its services. The items range from hand tools, IT equipment, electrical consumables, wheelie bins, automotive spares, chemicals through to large equipment purchases, including waste trucks, utes, chippers, ride-on mowers, wind turbines and standard alone power systems (SAPS), and leased facilities to house our equipment and employees.

We engage contractors to support our operational requirements, including plumbers, electricians and concreters and in various other roles including Information Technology. We also have preferred labour hire supplier relationships in Australia.

Citywide's procurement spend snapshot (FY21)

Contractors	42%
Materials	31%
Fleet	9%
Logistics	7%
Professional Services	4%
Facilities	3%
Admin (Non-Influenceable)	3%
IT	1%

COVID-19 Supply Chain Impacts

In FY21, disruptions to our supply arrangements due to COVID-19 were realised. They include:

- increased lead time in delivery of materials and fleet; and
- increase use of personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves, hands sanitiser to protect our staff and communities.

MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

In FY21, we undertook a review of the potential risk of modern slavery practices across Citywide's operations and supply chains.

During the assessment process, we considered risks in Citywide operations and amongst our top tier suppliers that may possibly cause, contribute and/or be directly linked to modern slavery practices. For suppliers, we examined other risk factors such as the sector, industry, types of products and services, geographic locations and entity associations. We also assessed if our risk profile has been altered by COVID-19 due to significant increase in use of personal protective equipment.

As a result, Citywide has been able to identify areas with no to low risk; for example: operational activities which are directly undertaken by Citywide employees and covered by our internal processes. We have also identified potential risk areas, such as a local supplier sourcing a product from overseas sources which may have a record of having historically known modern slavery practices.

Citywide recognises that modern slavery risks may be exploited by several industries, product types, commodities, labour practices and geographical locations and that items we purchase are known to be at particularly higher risk. These items include apparel (cotton), fleet components, IT hardware and related electronic parts and equipment and our construction materials, which are manufactured from regions where there are concerns about forced labour practices – North Korea, Eritrea, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Pakistan, Cambodia, Iran and the Peoples Republic of China.

In addition, we have identified the use of services managed by third party providers, such as contractors and labour hire companies, may be a potential risk area if third parties are not in compliance with workplace legislation and standards.

Citywide understands that in Australia and around the world, migrants are at higher risk of modern slavery and one of our key priorities is to assist people made vulnerable through the process of migration. We recognise the importance of combating slavery and human trafficking; a crime affecting communities and individuals across the globe.

OUR APPROACH

In accordance with our Group risk appetite, the Citywide Group has zero tolerance for any form of slavery-like practices.

Policies and governance

We have policies in place that promote ethical and legally compliant business conduct. Our policies contribute to our commitment to prevent violations of human rights such as our Code of Conduct, Whistleblower Policy and associated anonymous hotline and our Modern Slavery Policy.

Our Supplier Code of Conduct clearly outlines our minimum requirements for our suppliers. They are expected to share our values and must work to the law and to internationally recognised standards. They must put in place anti-corruption practices and socially responsible supply chain. This includes not using any form of child or forced labour and providing fair employment conditions.

Our Procurement team have contractual obligations in place for our key suppliers to minimise the risk of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains.

Assessment and mitigation of risks

Citywide provides fair and safe working conditions for all its employees and ensures no child labour is employed in line with minimum age laws. We expect the same standards from our suppliers, contractors and labour hire providers.

We require our labour hire providers to engage workers on fair employment conditions. We have a number of people and culture policies, procedures and due diligence activities in place which include recruitment and selection, right to work checks, training and development and other workplace management activities.

In conducting due diligence on suppliers, we apply a range of steps including pre-qualification checks, contractual arrangements in line with our Local Government Agreement and ongoing monitoring. Our supplier pre-qualification forms and contracts include language stipulating that suppliers agree to adhere to our policies and standards and Supplier Code of Conduct. This provides a safeguard that we on board and work with vendors who agree to operate to the same standard we expect from ourselves.

We developed a simple questionnaire to test initially with Citywide's high spend suppliers and supplier that may be prone to higher modern slavery risk, this was sent to relevant supplier emails and followed up with phone call reminders, again assisting us to further help segment suppliers better moving forward.

We undertook a supplier risk analysis of Citywide's supplier base, including those of the new subsidiary, Citywide Utilities Pty Ltd, based material types, service, geographical points of manufacture and suspected industries known to engage in modern slavery. Our questionnaire will assist in future segmentation of our suppliers.

We upgraded our Procurement systems, which now allows us to better track and monitor our suppliers, particularly those that may be prone to a higher modern slavery risk. As part of the ongoing mapping of Citywide's supply chain, we have endeavoured to identify not only manufacturing locations but also warehousing and distribution locations within Australia and overseas to obtain the transparency required by Citywide as part of our good corporate due diligence. These processes have been undertaken to build an informed Risk Matrix which will identify Citywide's priorities, noting that these will not necessarily be by location, but could be by industry or commodity.

Incident reporting and remediation

We have reporting procedures and mechanisms where employees and third parties can report any concerns, including in relation to modern slavery.

We have established internal grievance resolution processes for our employees to report their concerns. In addition, if they wish to remain anonymous, employees and third parties are able to

report through our independently operated Whistle-blower system via phone or email. Where issues are investigated and substantiated, we take appropriate action.

In FY21, we did not receive any reported modern slavery concerns, nor did we identify any instances of modern slavery in our operations or supply chains.

Awareness and training

During FY21, we implemented a Modern Slavery Awareness Training program, via our learning management system, for Citywide staff with procurement responsibilities. Citywide's Procurement team continued to attend Modern Slavery training and awareness seminars developed by The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply, Informed 365 & The Australian Border Force.

In addition, supplier meeting agendas have included discussions centred on Modern Slavery risks and where their organisation is at in their process and development, the number of these meetings has increased as Citywide has developed more mature procurement processes. The meetings also allowed Citywide to improve our data and supplier knowledge about conditions on the ground in places where our goods & services are produced, particularly capital purchases and their ancillary components from oversea regions.

MEASURING OUR EFFECTIVENESS

At the end of the reporting period and on the basis of our risk identification and assessment activities, Citywide has committed to continually evolve its modern slavery compliance program as outlined above. Our Working Group reviewed the effectiveness of the program through measures including:

- continued modern slavery awareness throughout our organisation via online training programs (113 employees completed training in FY21), newsletter articles, tool box talks, office posters and supplier assessments;
- systematic review and enhancement of procurement contractual templates, including our modern slavery provisions, particularly into our recent acquisitions;
- continued evaluation of the effectiveness of our policies, procedures and vendor on boarding process to ensure all new vendors sign and adhere to our Supplier Code of Conduct in relation to managing modern slavery risk;
- supplier assessments, and how they are conducted integrated with our supplier selection and reported – supplier code of conducts, high risk allocations marked in our Procurement System;
- our communications to further foster modern slavery awareness newsletters, posters;
- address concerns raised including through our escalating processes, our responses and remediation actions;
- reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of our management-driven training modules for increasing understanding of modern slavery and embedding process changes into our operations; and
- working closely across Citywide to gather data about conditions on the ground in places where our goods & services are produced via supplier meetings, re-assessing our supplier risk matrix and reviewing published articles reporting known cases of force labour being used around the globe.

LOOKING AHEAD

During FY22, we plan to:

- continue to embed modern slavery considerations, including the broader corporate responsibility strategy, in our policies to further embed a positive culture towards this issue;
- enhance our trial questionnaire and share this with a greater number of suppliers;
- continue to investigate the capabilities of our Procurement System and how it can assist with tracking and monitoring supplier risks and records;
- enhance our due diligence and supplier monitoring procedures, with a greater focus on suppliers and products being sourced/manufactured from known geographical regions with high concerns relating to forced labour;
- continue to support the compliance of our suppliers through assurance and remediation processes;
- continue with internal stakeholder communications on this issue via toolbox talks, newsletters, posters, including promoting awareness on modern slavery principles; and
- enhance modern slavery awareness training program to include more detailed content.

This Statement has been approved by the Boards of Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries.

Chris Campbell

Chief Executive Officer

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