

Cornetts Supermarkets

Modern Slavery Statement

1. Introduction

This is the second Modern Slavery Statement submitted on behalf of Adcome Pty Ltd (ABN: 99110315681), trading as Cornetts Supermarkets and Everfresh Food Markets (Cornetts). This statement is provided in order to adhere to requirements outlined in the The Modern Slavery Act 2018. This statement is in respect of financial year end 30 April 2021.

The purpose of the Cornetts Modern Slavery Statement ("Statement") is to articulate the approach that Cornetts will undertake to minimum risk of modern slavery and to ensure that the business continues to improve upon systems and processes to safeguard against activities that constitute modern slavery.

2. The Cornetts Business

Cornetts is a chain of small to medium independent supermarkets across Queensland, employing approximately 1,600 people across 33 sites and a support office, at the time covered in the reporting period.

The Cornetts business has operated across Queensland for 47 years, with a Support Office, located in North Lakes, which provides assistance to the stores. We operate mostly in remote and regional communities, stretching as far north as Cooktown, inland to Longreach and in the south west to St George.

The business continues to focus on being a part of the local community in which we operate, offering great service, and community support. A conscious decision to open and operate in regional and remote areas of Queensland provides Cornetts with a competitive advantage, while ensuring that consumers forgotten by large corporates can find quality fresh products, close to home, at their local Cornetts or Everfresh stores.

Cornetts remains committed to respect for human rights. We are determined to uphold basic human rights, by ensuring that we do business ethically, and only partner with suppliers and other businesses which are also dedicated to undertaking ethical sourcing and supply.

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3. Business Structure and Operations

Adcome Pty Ltd is the parent company of Cornetts Supermarkets and Everfresh Food Markets. Adcome Pty Ltd operates 25 proprietary limited companies, trading as 33 independent supermarkets.

Adcome Pty Ltd is jointly held by the Booysen Family Trust (55%) and (45%) by Metcash Trading Limited.

The chart below shows the proprietary limited companies operating under Adcome Pty Ltd and the names under which they trade.

M-Reba Pty Ltd (Mareeba IGA)		S-Rina Pty Ltd (Sarina IGA and Bucasia IGA)
C-Towers Pty Ltd (Cooktown IGA)	Metcorn Pty Ltd (no associated site)	M-Gon Pty Ltd (Murgon IGA)
P-Glas Pty Ltd (Port Douglas IGA)	Cornett Stores Pty Ltd	B-Ford Pty Ltd (Bamford IGA)
D-Sart Pty Ltd (Dysart IGA)	(Balcaldine IGA, Bribie Is IGA, Clermont IGA, Collinsville IGA, Gayndah IGA, Longreach IGA, Middlemount IGA, Moura	G-More Pty Ltd (Buderim Everfresh Food Market)
B-Burg Pty Ltd (Bundaberg Everfresh Food Market & Gin Gin IGA)	IGA, Theodore IGA)	G-Utt Pty Ltd (Garbutt IGA)
O-Key Pty Ltd (Oakey IGA)	Cornetts Pty Ltd (Bundaberg Nth IGA)	G-Vale Pty Ltd (Gordonvale IGA)
Roma Supermarkets Pty Ltd (Roma IGA)	C-Curry Pty Ltd (Cloncurry IGA)	M-Louisa Pty Ltd (Mt Louisa IGA)
C-Ville Pty Ltd (Charleville Alfred St & Charleville Sturt St IGA)	H-Hill Pty Ltd (Home Hill IGA)	Adcome HR Services Pty Lt (Support Offices)
St Geor Pty Ltd (St George IGA)	C-Towers Pty Ltd (Charters Towers IGA)	Retail Information Solutions P/L (no associated site)

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Cornetts business is supermarkets. We operate 33 independent supermarkets across Queensland. These sites range in size from 350 metres square to 1700 metres square. We primarily operate in small remote communities, servicing catchment areas with populations well under 2,000 people, with a small number of stores in larger regional areas, such as Townsville and Mackay. Stores employ between 10 to 80 team members per site, equating to over 1,500 casual and permanent employees.

Cornetts Support Office is located in North Lakes and employs approximately 45 staff.

4. Corporate Governance

Cornetts remains committed to ensure that the business has a robust corporate governance framework in place. We ensure that all activities are externally audited on a yearly basis.

Due to the structure of the business, Cornetts reports to the Metcash Trading Board on a monthly basis, also meeting quarterly to scrutinize business operations.

The above reporting and auditing mechanisms means that the Cornetts business, our operations, trading partners, risk mitigation and finances are under constant review by external, independent parties.

Cornetts has also established and ensures the implementation of the business' polices and procedures. Team members employed by us work to a Code of Conduct, which sets out the standards and behaviours expected by all Cornetts representatives. The Code covers contractors, suppliers and visitors, who are all expected to behave appropriately and practice high standards of professionalism in their personal conduct.

The business also has reporting mechanisms in place, such as an anonymous Whistleblower process, reporting of conflicts of interest and a grievance process, all to ensure that any concerns of unethical behaviour can be reported and acted upon.

5. Risk of Modern Slavery Practices within Cornetts and the Supply Chain

Cornetts, as an Australian owned and operated business, undertaking business in Queensland, ensures that modern slavery practices do not exist within the business which we control. All team members undergo a screening process, where the proof of the right to work in Australia is ascertained. Children under the age of 18 are required to provide parental consent to work, and the company strictly abides by the Child Employment Act 2006 (QLD). The processes in place to employ staff, and pay them correctly, are externally audited on an annual basis.

As a supermarket chain, Cornetts supply chain is made up of wholesalers providing grocery lines, frozen and perishable foods, dairy products, fresh produce, meat, and products that are used by the general public, describes as general merchandise. The support office also sources technology equipment, furniture, fixture and equipment, uniforms and stationery and maintenance suppliers, third party technology specialists and specialised skills, such as legal services.

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Cornetts continues to undertake assessments, where the business can identify possible risks that could be linked to modern slavery practices, as outlined in the Modern Slavery Act 2018. We continue to consider risk factors such as the suppliers that we deal with, the products and services that they supply, the geographic location of the suppliers, where they may source stock and business models under which our suppliers operate.

Cornetts operates under the IGA banner. As such, we are obligated to obtain much of the stock the supermarkets hold under a wholesale and branding agreement with Metcash Trading. Up to 90% of Cornetts supply chain comes from Metcash, a company which is in the ASX 200 top companies listing, and Employer of Choice, and has public committed to supporting the United Nations Framework and Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the eight international fundamental conventions.

The remainder of Cornetts supply chain comes from locally owned and operated businesses. The vast majority of goods supplied are manufactured in Australia, with a small component, such a kitchenware, general mechanise products, technology products and uniforms, being sourced overseas by our suppliers. As a result, Cornetts has been able to identify no or low risk in relation to suppliers sourcing goods, where that business may have a record of having modern slavery practices still in place.

6. Addressing Risk of Modern Slavery Practices and Future Commitments

While Cornetts is confident that the risk of engaging with a business with a record of modern slavery practices is negligible, we are still committed to ensuring that we only engage suppliers and vendors that undertake ethic trade practices.

Since last reporting, Cornetts has now implemented an assessment program for both existing and new suppliers to ensure that the risk of dealing with unethical business is mitigated. This includes:

- Review Modern Slavery Statements from business large enough to report, to ensure that our suppliers have a pro-active approach to addressing the requirements outlined in the Modern Slavery Act 2018.
- Review of the geographical locations where supplier goods are sourced to identify the risk of modern slavery practices. Where risks are identified, we will ensure that these trading partners have controls in place to safeguard against modern slavery practices.
- Supplier and trade agreements to incorporate commitments that suppliers only source goods ethically and from third parties where modern slavery is not practiced.
- Training programs for key staff in procurement roles to ensure they understand the risk of modern slavery practices, and that they mitigate risk when identifying possible new supply chains or changes to the current supply chain.

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7. Assessing Action Established to Address Modern Slavery Risk

Cornetts continues to commit to undertaking regular reviews of the checks identified above, to ensure they are effective in the identification of risk of dealing with suppliers that may undertake modern day slavery practices. This includes reporting to Trustees and the key stakeholders outlined in this Statement, on an annual basis, and incorporate checks in our auditing practices.

Cornetts maintains a system of review for trade agreements with suppliers on a regular basis. Regular supplier meetings continue to focus on ensuring that the business will mitigate risk of trade with a business engaged in modern slavery practices.

8. Statement Signoff

Cornetts will communicate commitments to this Modern Slavery Statement to suppliers and customers via the company website.

This statement has been approved by the directors of Adcome Pty Ltd.

Graham Booysen

CEO

Cornetts Supermarkets Everfresh Food Markets

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