



# UNE Group Modern Slavery Annual Statement 2022

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**Acknowledgement of Country**

The University of New England respects and acknowledges that its people, programs and facilities are built on land, and surrounded by a sense of belonging, both ancient and contemporary, of the world’s oldest living culture.

In doing so, UNE values and respects Indigenous knowledge systems as a vital part of the knowledge capital of Australia.

## Our commitment to addressing Modern Slavery

This statement is made pursuant to Section 31 of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (New South Wales) and Section 16 of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Commonwealth).

The University of New England, a public Australian regional university, is committed to contributing to the public good, upholding human rights<sup>1</sup>, freedom of speech, academic freedom and supporting broader societal progress, through its education mandate and through the conduct of its operations in a manner which is lawful and consistent with accepted codes of practice.

UNE's Modern Slavery Statement, provides an overview of its operations and those of its Controlled Entities and describes steps taken to help avoid the risk that its operations and activities contribute to modern slavery practices. UNE aims through these efforts to support Australian and collaborative global efforts to help dis-incentivise and eradicate modern slavery.

UNE continues on a path of continuous improvement in its modern slavery response and consistent with its values, expects to pay fair price for goods and services, chooses to engage with suppliers and other third parties who also act lawfully and in accordance with accepted codes of practice as part of their operations. UNE continues to leverage shared sector resources<sup>2</sup> as part of its response to managing modern slavery risk.

This statement is for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> As recognised by the Australian Government and described on the Australian Human Rights Commission [website](#).

<sup>2</sup> Refer to Part 7 of this statement for more information regarding the Australian Universities Procurement Network (AUPN)

## Part 1 – University of New England (UNE) – the reporting entity

The University of New England ('UNE') (ABN: 75 792 454 315) was established<sup>3</sup> in Armidale in the New England Region of NSW, on 1 February 1954 as the first regional University in Australia. UNE's object is *"the promotion, within the limits of the University's resources, of scholarship, research, free inquiry, the interaction of research and teaching, and academic excellence"*.

UNE was and continues to be a pioneer of distance (and online) learning, of quality higher education that is accessible, personal and relevant, and a supporter of research of quality that has impact and is relevant to the communities with which the institution interacts.

The University of New England had in 2022 a number of controlled entities which undertake ancillary activities in the best interests of the University. These include:

- Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABN: 59 7813 010 88): Licensing and commercialisation of UNE and partner developed industry renowned BreedPlan software;
- UNE Foundation Ltd (ABN: 42 5362 780 85) & UNE Foundation Trustee (ABN 77 0948 341 07): The Trustee Board for the UNE Foundation Trust receives and invests donated funds which are made available fund student scholarships and teaching and research related activities of the University of New England;
- UNE Life Pty Ltd (ABN 29 0656 484 19): A company which provides the services and facilities that underpin the 'life' of the campus with services for students and the community which complement the activities of the University but fall outside of core business. Services range from managing a world class sports centre and associated community activities, coordination of the student radio station, catering and cafés, managing post office, bookshop, and cinema; and
- UNE Partnerships Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 0030 991 25): Flagship Education and Training organisation delivering professional training, skills development and workplace learning.

## Part 2 – About UNE structures, operations and supply chains

### ***UNE Structures***

UNE's peak governance body is the UNE Council which has control and oversight of the affairs of the University. A number of Council Committees, the Academic Board (the peak academic governance body) and key executive and management committees, support governance and oversight functions and performance monitoring at the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer is the Principal Officer of the University and is supported by a Senior Executive and Senior Management Team who oversee the:

- Education Enterprise division encompassing three academic faculties and nine academic Schools; education support team, student services and brand, marketing and partnerships functions;
- Research Services – including research ethics and administration, higher degree research student support and research institutes;
- Integrated services divisions including corporate support for people, systems, facilities, functions such as legal advice and contracts;
- Financial and performance analysis and strategy area;

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<sup>3</sup> UNE is a body corporate established by NSW legislation, the [University of New England Act \(NSW\) 1993](#) (the 'UNE Act').

- Governance division supporting governance systems and assurance; and
- Communications and events teams.

Each of UNE's Controlled Entities have a Board of Directors and/or Members. Controlled Entities are established by and provide periodic reports on performance and governance to the UNE Council. Annual financial reports of Controlled Entities are included in UNE's group financial statements.

## **Operations**

UNE's total income in 2022 was close to \$352.39m. UNE is a significant contributor to the economy of the New England Region in New South Wales, Australia.

UNE offers a comprehensive higher education curriculum and suite of academic courses consisting of approx. 218 courses and 2083 units of study each year to approx. 26,000 students, 84.5% of whom study mostly online and the significant majority of which are based in Australia. Of UNE students, just under 5.4% or 1380 are international students. Some 68% of UNE students are women and the University supports one of the largest cohorts of Australian Indigenous students in the sector.

UNE is committed to research excellence and knowledge creation, and supports academic staff scholarship and research and the education of higher degree research students through the pursuit of strategic research priorities in partnership and through collaborations and application for funded research grants.

UNE has, excluding casual staff, just over 1229 continuing staff, many of whom are based in Armidale, NSW. Depending on area and level of employment UNE Staff are subject to common law contracts, or are employed under one of two Enterprise Agreements (one for Professional staff and the other relating to Academic and English Language Teaching staff). Each instrument sets out terms and conditions of employment.

## **Locations**

The University of New England ('UNE') (ABN: 75 792 454 315) is based in Australia and is active nationally with international connections in higher education program delivery, in undertaking scholarship and research, in making contributions to education partnerships collaborations and engagements in multi-discipline areas where UNE has expertise and in the undertaking of support activities that enable scholarship and engagement, including corporate services operations. Each of UNE's controlled entities are also based in Australia.

*Online reach/location:* UNE was a pioneer of distance learning for remote and regional students in Australia and in 2022 with 85% of UNE's students studying online, UNE's reach includes those communities of students who access UNE's high quality online higher education program offerings across Australia. A small proportion of students are based overseas in country.

*Primary operations:* UNE is Australia's first and one of its leading regional universities. Operating from its primary location in Armidale in the New England region in New South Wales Australia, the University has multiple campus-based facilities located across NSW, including campuses at Armidale (includes extensive farm/research facilities and residential colleges), Sydney (Parramatta), Tamworth and Taree; and study centres at Coonabarabran, Glenn Innes, Gunnedah, Guyra, Inverell, Moree, Narrabri and Tenterfield. UNE is also a partner in the Country Universities Centre (CUC) network and partners with three NSW Health Districts to deliver healthcare (and student practical learning opportunities) online, across NSW and interstate and to remote regional areas. UNE hosts the Smart Regions Incubator (SRI) operations in Armidale, Tamworth and Moree.

UNE is involved in research and research partnerships located in Australia and overseas. UNE has ongoing research through rural and regional Australia including agricultural/agribusiness related applied research, education related engagement and research such as the flagship *QuickSmart* research project. In 2022, UNE maintained international research and or teaching partnerships in many overseas regions including Africa, South and Central Asia, Asia Pacific and Oceania regions. UNE has an active teaching partnership arrangement in Adelaide (South Australia).

## ***Supply chains***

UNE is a supplier of education programs, research, scholarly engagement and related services.

UNE is involved in some ancillary ‘producer’ activities including agricultural production (UNE’s research farms produce livestock and other agricultural outputs) and electricity production (UNE’s solar farm generates electricity for the institution’s own use).

To support its operations, UNE sources human resources, finished goods and services and some raw materials. UNE also seeks support and funding for its operations including for example via donations and grants.

UNE’s key supply chains include:

1. Sourcing of human resources via either direct recruitment or use of recruitment agencies;
2. Student recruitment either via direct marketing activities or via use of admissions centres, third party providers and agents;
3. Sourcing supplies of finished goods via direct sourcing (e.g. via a retailer) or wholesaler/catalogue supplier confirmed via credit card, purchase orders or contract;
4. Sourcing of professional services through direct procurement and/or leveraging prequalified internal or external panels, using credit card (rarely) and purchase orders/contract;
5. Sourcing of raw materials via a wholesaler or retailer (e.g. rural feed store; metal supplier etc) or occasionally direct from producer; and
6. Sourcing funds via fundraising or competitive applications for grants and program funding.

Methods of sourcing are guided by procurement policies, internal delegations and contractual agreements. Supplier engagement is supported by UNE’s central procurement team whose expectations of suppliers include confirmation of consideration of modern slavery risk.

Contractual approval processes and standard contractual terms (as relevant) help embed expectations of standard terms of engagement of competitive process or an approved exemption.

UNE is an active participant in the Australian Universities Procurement Network and leverages this network in terms of resources and modern slavery risk assessment and actions.

The majority of UNE Group purchases are of finished goods and services (information technology hardware, consumables, books/media etc). UNE also purchases some “raw materials” including utilities (i.e. gas, electricity), food supplies (for catering services), animal feeds (for its farm operations and animal research) and other base products, metals and other materials for maintenance and repairs.

## Part 3 - Modern slavery risks in operations & supply chains of UNE and its controlled entities

### Modern slavery risk and controls

The risk of modern slavery in the UNE Group arises from both its operational activities including engagements with other entities and from expenditure on services and goods.

In assessing modern slavery risk exposure (see Table 3 and 4 below for indicative risk across common types of operational and supply agreements), consideration is given to causal factors including:

- the nature of the activity including the type of goods or services and whether the source of goods or the type of activity/services is related to higher risk industries, labour forces and/or treatment of workers, or specific goods and services considered to carry a high risk of modern slavery;
- the country of supply origination (e.g. prevalence of modern slavery/strength of government response as surveyed by Walk Free; application of UN or Australian autonomous sanctions for specific regimes); and
- understanding of suppliers' operations, including ownership, operations, approach or recorded issues related to modern slavery and potential indirect risk or exposure to extended supply chains that might include modern slavery practices.

UNE has a range of measures in place to help manage modern slavery risk include:

- supporting awareness of staff and students regarding their rights and protections and grievance processes. This is embedded in code of conduct policies and grievance policies relevant to staff and students and information provided to staff (re employment) and students (re admission and enrolment);
- supporting awareness of modern slavery risk and controls particularly for those persons who engage suppliers, make purchases and approve contracts. This includes ability for staff to engage with procurement team and share of information about modern slavery risk and high risk suppliers via the Australian University Procurement Network (AUPN);
- sourcing campaigns that target responsible suppliers as well as calls for supplier responses which require assurances regarding modern slavery risk management;
- procurement policy and checklists and processes which include requests for supplier information;
- use of closed envelope tendering consistent with policy to ensure procurement outcomes focus on fit-for-purpose solutions rather than an assessment of bids wholly on price;
- template contractual/engagement agreements which include standard clauses to support supplier modern slavery compliance;
- review of modern slavery at contract review points including periodic licence renewals and/or contract review stages;
- monitoring of small supplier activity including expenditure via credit card and preferred purchasing methodologies which support visibility of suppliers and spend (see Table 3 and 4 below); and
- contact with high-risk suppliers regarding modern slavery assurance.

Table 3 – Modern Slavery Exposure Risk across key operations and agreements

Common Operational agreements	Description	Modern Slavery Risk considerations	Risk Exposure / Control comments
Adjunct and honorary roles and volunteer workers arrangements.	UNE has the facility to offer adjunct roles to eligible persons, and to award titles, such as Emeritus Professor to eligible candidates. Such persons may access UNE facilities while contributing to research or other scholarly or engagement activities at UNE. The UNE Group has relatively few general ‘volunteer’ workers though some examples are select controlled entity’s boards volunteer their time as Directors, and volunteers may help with community or sporting events hosted by controlled entity UNE Life.	Adjunct, titled and volunteer persons determine the level of activity they contribute and can discontinue the arrangement at any time.	Low. Risk is generally low due to nature of engagement and activity and the level of control of volunteers.
Agency Agreements	Agency agreements include those where UNE makes an agreement for another entity to act as an agent for UNE, often in promotion of UNE academic programs to potential students including those from overseas.	Agency agreements have potential for some risk of modern slavery exposure due via indirect linkages to agency operations. While the majority of UNE’s agreements are via an Australian based agency subject to Australia laws, some agencies may have offices and employment/supply structures in other countries that are not immediately visible to UNE.	Low. Majority of agreements are subject to Australian laws but there is potential for some indirect exposure operational linkages chains.
Articulation Agreements	Agreements which recognise academic learning outcomes of another institution’s programs. Those students who have achieved certain outcomes at another institution may be eligible for advanced standing or credit point equivalence in units of an academic program at UNE.	The majority of UNE articulation agreements are with Australian based providers or with other universities both nationally or internationally. Importantly direct risk of modern slavery is very low as the terms of an articulation agreement are only triggered by student action (i.e. application and agreement to enrol in an academic program at UNE) and fundamentally provide a benefit to the student.	Very Low. Control to participate in education services offered by UNE is held by the prospective student, terms of study are transparent.

Common Operational agreements	Description	Modern Slavery Risk considerations	Risk Exposure / Control comments
Contracting Out Services	Under these commercial activities of the University, goods or services are provided by the University for a fee. A service example could include, UNE being paid for a staff member to provide a consultancy or run a workshop/training program or receiving a payment for hiring or other access to UNE research or built facilities for a period of time.	Risk of Modern Slavery is considered very low. Most such arrangements require UNE to agree terms of engagement and provision. Staff involved typically identify or instigate such arrangements, and agreements require review by UNE's Legal Office and approval by relevant UNE delegate.	Very low. UNE has control of which agreements it enters into and acquiescing with terms and review of terms is required.
Credit Card Transactions	Credit Card transactions are typically used for one off relatively small value purchases. Transactions may relate to a wide range of purchases (see Table 4) for common spend categories.	Risk from credit card expenditure arises partly as a result of the convenience of these transactions and lack of supplier review. In 2022, changes to the preferred approach to spending (i.e. moving away from credit cards) has reduced the volume of credit card transactions, and increased use of purchase orders and pre-qualified category suppliers where supplier controls are improved. Increased monitoring in 2022 has reduced risk further.	Low - Increased credit card expenditure controls has reduced risk in 2022.
Donations/ Bequests Agreements	Donations and Bequests to UNE or UNE Foundation to support student scholarships and teaching and research.	Donated funds to UNE Foundation represent a low risk of modern slavery. Most donations are from within Australia and from local communities in which UNE operates and focus on supporting students or specific teaching or research initiatives. UNE has ethical guidance in policy for acceptance or otherwise of donations and bequests.	Very low. UNE has controls for entering into any agreements.
Enterprise Agreements or Common Law contracts	UNE staff are employed either under one of two Enterprise Agreements (includes casual staff) or via a common law contracts. Staff terms and conditions are outlined in the offer of employment and are subject to prospective employee agreement. Staff of UNE Controlled entities are employed on terms relevant to the specific industry award (e.g. security services).	Modern slavery risk is considered very low. Staff employment agreements at UNE or separately offered by controlled entities, require agreement of terms between employees and the organisation, and are regulated by the NSW Fair Work Ombudsman. Facilities are provided to for complaints and appeals including with support of staff advocate groups. UNE Group employment conditions are subject to audit and independent scrutiny and in the event an issue is found it is disclosed and rectified as a priority.	Very Low. Agreements in place for employees. Employment conditions subject to oversight by independent regulator. Staff have access to advocates and have avenues for complaints and appeal against unfair conditions.

Common Operational agreements	Description	Modern Slavery Risk considerations	Risk Exposure / Control comments
Letters of offer for students and enrolment confirmation	Prospective students who apply to study at the University and who are eligible for admission receive a letter of offer outlining the terms and conditions of study and access information regarding course and unit fees or terms of higher degree research study. Prospective students have the option to accept or reject an offer and actively choose when to enrol to study. Students who enrol may exit before census date or equivalent without financial penalty.	Prospective and admitted students are active decision makers in the admission and enrolment stages and have control over the outcome. There is some potential risk for students whose tuition or research may be funded by an organisation or government sponsor where those entities or sponsors might have linkages to modern slavery practice. UNE has relatively small numbers of such circumstances and has processes including autonomous sanctions checks of sponsors and entities to help control this risk. Some risk may arise as a result of incidental expenditure (travel, accommodation etc) in areas where modern slavery is present.	Very low. The majority of UNE study in Australia. Students have control over enrolment / withdrawal decisions. Controls are also in place for sponsored students.
Loans	Financial or Non-Financial (e.g. Loan of equipment or a part of a collection) Agreement	UNE loans financial loan arrangements are limited and are generally within the UNE Group made are generally to UNE controlled entities for specific purposes and with the focus or to students.	Very Low. UNE has few arrangements of this nature, they are based domestically and parties are well known to UNE.
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)	Agreements which seek to establish a framework for engagement and collaboration with another party – often a University or industry body. A MoU which is generally non-binding may have associated partnership, collaboration or research schedules or sub-agreements.	Most UNE MoUs relate to agreements between Educational Institutions or industry bodies here and often overseas for collaboration around academic programs. They generally carry a relatively a low risk of Modern Slavery by the nature of the ‘activity’ being non-binding agreement to collaborate. More complex arrangements (including those where there are secondary agreements) can carry higher risk.	Low. While most MoUs are very low risk given the nature of the exchange being relationship, some MoUs can provide for more specific engagements which may carry some indirect risk that need to be assessed on a case by case basis.

Common Operational agreements	Description	Modern Slavery Risk considerations	Risk Exposure / Control comments
Property Leases	Agreement to lease a UNE property or facility. UNE may make agreements regarding lease of property or sections of property to community or commercial tenants.	UNE has a small number property lease arrangements within Australia and these are subject to Legal review and UNE approval. Leases are subject to benchmarked pricing and agreement by both parties and are considered very low risk of modern slavery.	Very low. Lease agreements subject to acceptance and are often market driven.
Research Grants	Research Grant Agreements are generally awarded via a competitive process and provide funding for agreed resources and research. These grant agreements typically outline scope of research, IP ownership and progress milestones and party roles (e.g. set out researcher or research team effort and time and/or use of UNE research facilities).	Research Grant Agreements are subject to legal review and UNE approval and would generally have very low exposure to modern slavery risk, with controls and compliance expectations generally built into grant conditions and performance monitoring and research activities subject to ethics review and approval. Some grants may involve incidental expenditure on research materials, equipment, travel accommodation or other relevant expenditure that could provide some indirect supply chain exposure.	Low. Activity risk is low though some potential ancillary expenditure may introduce risk.
Student Exchange Agreements	Agreement to support student learning experience at another University or equivalent educational institution. The student's study experience at another institution (national or more typically international) is relevant to their studies and is recognised as part of achievement of learning credit points at the primary organisational course or program.	Most student exchange agreements are relatively low risk of Modern Slavery. There is a potential risk exposure from associated expenditure including travel and accommodation and living expenses where the country has a high prevalence of modern slavery.	Low.

## Part 4 - Actions taken to assess & address modern slavery risk(s)

In 2022 UNE’s activities to address modern slavery risk(s) focused on:

- supporting and maturing the framework for reviewing modern slavery risk and understanding risk exposure areas;
- developing and sharing expertise about responses to modern slavery risks within key UNE support areas, supported by engagement with the Australian University Procurement Network;
- increasing awareness of modern slavery risks and obligations internally;
- advising new suppliers, the requirement for assurance relating to modern slavery risks;
- continuing to undertake supplier and third-party contract reviews considering risks associated with geographical location, specific activity/industry/goods and services;
- establishing preventative controls as part of sourcing activities, including response evaluation criteria, standardising contractual controls around modern slavery assurance;
- reviewing and changing policies on expenditure, moving from low control purchasing methodologies such as credit cards to higher control options such as purchase orders and contracts (see Table 4 below);
- identifying Modern Slavery as a key compliance driver for government reporting and assigning responsibilities for actions across key UNE areas and controlled entities; and
- Taking active steps to update contractual terms with key suppliers commenced, with annual review checklists and extension approval processes changed to include checks relevant modern slavery.

Table 4 – Identification of Preferred purchasing methodology

Category	Preferred purchasing methodology
Professional Services and Consultancies	Contract and purchase order, leveraging preferred suppliers arrangement under NSW Government panel and catalogue system where appropriate
Print and Publication services	Preferred suppliers with charge back invoicing and/or purchase orders
Scientific supplies and Lab Consumables	Multiple preferred supplier contracts and catalogue system
Marketing and Media Services	Preferred supplier arrangements with purchase orders
General consumables and stationery	Preferred suppliers arrangement under NSW Government panel and catalogue system

## Part 5 – Assessing effectiveness of actions

UNE is committed to improving its approach to modern slavery, and maturing and systemising its response framework, through increased direct engagement, continued collaboration with the sector and other networks and responsible providers.

In 2022 the use of standard templates, checklists and use of AUPN’s tool “FRDM” have had the impact of increasing awareness and understanding internally of modern slavery risk, actions required and of UNE Group’s risk exposure. Advising UNE’s requirements regarding modern slavery assurance to existing and new suppliers has also had positive effects and generally positive responses.

UNE’s Controlled entities have taken an active approach to assessing modern slavery risk in supply chains, changing procurement and supplier practice (including sourcing of goods from ethical procurement sources) and embedding an understanding of modern slavery risk within the organisation.

2022 has seen UNE embedding modern slavery compliance into to a business as usual approach, as well as updating systems workflows to streamline assessments particularly for high risk exposure areas and having ready a process for intervention for emerging high risk engagements

UNE will continue to:

- Review agreements and update contract system to support risk assessments and track supplier assurances/reviews;
- Review relevant policies and assigned roles and responsibilities and due diligence steps and strengthen where necessary;
- Further education for the University community about how their spend/contracting/partnering behaviours can relate to Modern Slavery risks and about high risk activities and geographic regions;
- Plan program of direct outreach with potentially higher risk suppliers to seek assurances regarding modern slavery risk management effectiveness;
- Consider potential targets, metrics to support compliance activities including 'score' card approach being developed by AUPN;
- Agree response for direct action to modify contract terms, limit use of services; terminate early or on completion, and report issues;
- Sample low risk suppliers to confirm low risk status, using networks as relevant;
- Explore further indirect linkages for key suppliers/third parties;
- Further promote UNE's approach to managing Modern Slavery to deter suppliers/partners who do not meet required standards from applying, including advertise UNE's Modern Slavery Statement on the website and refer to this in all relevant engagements;
- Procurement practice to request adherence to contract clauses;
- Procurement standard use of closed envelope tendering for large tenders reduces chances of undercutting techniques influencing purchase based on price alone;
- Confirm contract arrangements so that performance is reviewed on basis of compliance; and
- Introduce specific criteria, performance targets for assurance re Modern Slavery for reporting entities (not started).

## **Part 6 – Process of consultation with entities controlled by UNE**

During 2022, UNE Controlled Entity Management and Board were asked to review compliance with obligations under the Modern Slavery Act (Cth).

Management teams from each of the Controlled entities have access to the University including Finance and Procurement teams for support with assessment of key supplier risks, and to Legal Services in terms of review of legal contract terms to support modern slavery compliance.

All of UNE's controlled entities are wholly owned by UNE and their financial statements are incorporated in the UNE Group's consolidated reporting results each year.

Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI): ABRI employs agribusiness information specialists (within Australia under Australian compliant employment agreements), who provide information services to the domestic and international livestock industries on a fee for service basis. ABRI also holds some investments which are managed by JB Were. ABRI operations are assessed as having a low exposure to low modern slavery risks. ABRI activities and staff are based in Australia and ABRI software is developed, managed and marketed in-house. ABRI supplier profile and information software are subject to and compliant with local laws conditions and undertakes investments via

UNE Life Pty Ltd: UNE Life manages many services and amenities across the University campus that add value to the student experience and support community engagement with UNE. These include SportUNE, a student bar and nightclub, a local radio station, restaurant facilities, hairdressers, a post office and newsagent, cinema, graduation, student advocacy and welfare, as well as functions and catering services. UNE Life has reviewed its suppliers and targets ethical and sustainable supply networks when sourcing its higher risk supply products such as merchandising items.

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UNE Foundation: The UNE Foundation receives donations from individuals, corporations and public entities to fund scholarships that contribute to the University's teaching and research priorities. An independent Board of Directors, comprising a group of dedicated professionals who volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of UNE and its students, is responsible for managing the Foundation, while the University provides administrative support. UNE Foundation engages an external Investment Manager to provide Investment advice and services and have sought assurances regarding modern slavery approach. UNE Foundation is deemed to have low modern slavery risks, and monitors the investment portfolio to ensure investments in socially and environmentally responsible organisations.

UNE Partnerships: UNE Partnerships is the education and training company of the University. It has designed, developed and delivered customised solutions for organisations and individuals for over 30 years. UNE Partnerships programs suit those who balance life, work and family commitments with study. UNE Partnerships has high level awareness of its modern slavery obligations, has been active in assessing its risk in operations and contracts and has developed a specific Modern Slavery statement to help support and reflect the organisations focus on reducing risk of modern slavery.

## Part 7 - Other relevant information

The University Council on behalf of the UNE Group adopted the Modern Slavery Statement on 30 June 2023.

UNE continues to engage with the Australian University Procurement Network (AUPN)<sup>4</sup> to support the assessment of suppliers and modern slavery risk. Key benefits include:

- Consultation and collaboration as a sector
- Ability to engage with the Modern Slavery Working Group (MSWG)
- Access to AUPN templates and guidance
- Information and review via AUPN's Academic Advisory Board
- Shared information about high risk identified industries and suppliers
- Future access to the AUPN portal technology solution (procured and in development)



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## Appendices

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.hes.edu.au/australian-university-procurement-network>

Appendix 1

Table A - UNE Income (source 2022 Annual Report)

<b>University of New England</b>	<b>2022 \$m</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Modern Slavery Risk Exposure</b>
Teaching income	\$ 238.79	67.5%	Very Low Risk
Research & Grant income	\$ 86.96	25%	Low Risk
Other income	\$ 26.64	7.5%	Low to Medium
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 352.39</b>	<b>100%</b>	