

# BUY Queensland

## Identifying genuine, quality social enterprises

The *Buy Queensland* procurement approach has been enhanced to include a commitment to spend more with genuine, quality social enterprises.

Social enterprises deliver important social value to communities across Queensland. Many create jobs and employment pathways for people experiencing disadvantage.

The Queensland Government's commitment to spend more with social enterprises delivers even greater benefits to communities, more quality jobs and better social outcomes.

### What is a genuine, quality social enterprise?

The *Queensland Government Social Procurement Guide* defines genuine, quality social enterprises as organisations that:

- are led by an economic, social, cultural or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit
- trade to fulfil their mission and derive a substantial portion of their income from trade, and
- reinvest most of their profit/surplus into the fulfilment of their mission.

The Queensland Government expects all its suppliers, including social enterprises, to provide safe workplaces and quality jobs paying fair wages.

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### How do I know I'm dealing with a genuine, quality social enterprise?

When assessing claims by suppliers about being a social enterprise, buyers can request that the suppliers provide:

- evidence of current certification by Social Traders\* or
- a copy of their constitution, and a statutory declaration or independent third-party report (e.g. a letter prepared by a member of CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, or the Institute of Public Accountants) confirming that the supplier adheres to the social enterprise definition.

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\*For information about Social Traders refer to [www.socialtraders.com.au](http://www.socialtraders.com.au)



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