

# Sustainable Choice

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### Sustainability Filter Definitions for Council Buyers

LGP has assigned Sustainability Filter Tags to some of its Contracts. Going forward each new Contract will have Sustainability Filter Tags assigned through the tender process.

The filters cover a range of sustainability elements and are visible in VendorPanel when purchasing through LGP Contracts. They highlight to buyers those suppliers that can provide better sustainability outcomes. Thereby enabling councils to engage suppliers that are consistent with Council's sustainability objectives and strategy.

The Sustainability Filter Tags cover a range of social and environmental aspects. The full list is presented in the table below, with each filter defined.

Not all filters have been assigned to all Contracts. They have been applied based on relevance to the spend category, products, and services available under the Contract.

A guide on how to use the filters is available [here](#).

Filter Tag Group Name	Sustainability Filter Tag	Definition
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Products that have been Re-Purposed and/or contain Recycled content	Supplier provides repurposed products and/or provides products that contain recycled content.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Products that can be recycled or are recyclable under this contract	Supplier provides products that can be recycled at end of life and a facility to undertake this recycling currently exists in Australia.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Energy Efficient Products	Supplier provides products that are energy efficient i.e use less energy than other similar products.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Water Efficient Products	Supplier provides products that are water efficient i.e use less water than other similar products.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Contractor has implemented Circular Economy Initiatives	Supplier has implemented very good to excellent circular economy related initiatives.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	End of use/Life Collection/Recycling Service	Supplier can provide an end of use/life collection and recycling service either for the products they provide under the Contract or for any related product, regardless of the provider.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Certified Carbon Neutral or Carbon Positive Footprint	Supplier is certified carbon neutral or can produce evidence they are carbon positive.

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Sustainable Procurement Methods	Carbon reduction initiatives in place (Not certified)	Reduced carbon footprint or emissions reduction initiatives in place associated with business and products.
Corporate Social Responsibility	Indigenous Owned Business	Supplier is a certified/registered indigenous business. Evidence of certification/registration has been sighted.
Corporate Social Responsibility	Social Enterprise	Supplier is a certified social enterprise. Evidence of certification has been sighted.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Certified to TCO Accreditation (ISO 14024)  <i>This filter relates to IT products only.</i>	Supplier provides products that are <a href="#">TCO Certified</a> . TCO is a globally recognised sustainability certification for IT products. It covers a wide range of sustainability criteria that is specific to each product and is classified as a Type 1 Ecolabel that meets the requirements in ISO 14024.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Sustainable Business Practices	Contractor has implemented very good to excellent sustainable business practices and has sustainability targets in place that are monitored with progress towards meeting targets measured and reported.  Sustainable business practices may include (but not limited to): installation of water and energy efficient devices in offices, waste minimisation by reduction, recycling, repurposing and/or re-use, evidence of any relevant accreditations and certifications, use of eco-certified products, reduction of pollution and waste associated with activities, reduction of carbon footprint, ethical sourcing practices.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Environmental Management System (ISO14001) Accredited	Supplier is certified to ISO 14001 or AS/NZS ISO 14001 and has provided evidence of certification.
Sustainable Procurement Methods	Australian Made	Supplier provides products, under the Contract, that are made in Australia.