

for working with suppliers

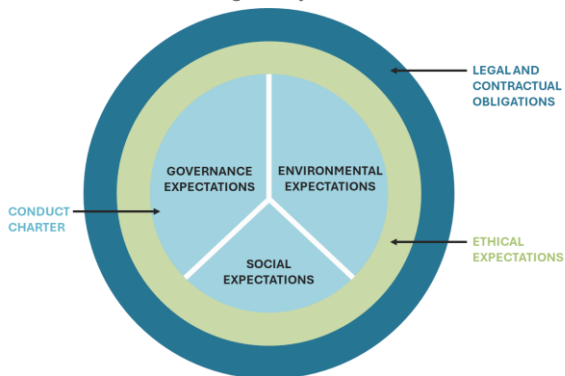
The South Australian Government strives for ethically and socially responsible relationships and outcomes when spending public money, and has measures in place to ensure it upholds the highest standards and acts truthfully, consistently, and fairly.

The **Government Conduct Charter for Working with Suppliers** outlines the minimum conduct suppliers can expect of the government.

These expectations do not supersede or alter the regulatory framework for government procurement in South Australia, or any contractual obligations, but allow suppliers to hold the government accountable for its actions in procurement and contracting relationships.

The charter represents minimum governance and environmental and social expectations for how the government conducts itself in relationships with suppliers, founded on ethical standards of integrity, fairness, transparency and professional respect.

The charter aligns with and supports government frameworks for responsible procurement including *The South Australian Procurement Framework*, *The South Australian Industry Participation Policy*, and national and international agreements and policies to which Australia is a signatory.



GOVERNANCE EXPECTATIONS

Corporate responsibility

Suppliers can expect government to:

- conduct itself with high standards of ethics and not engage in activities that are illegal, exploitative, fraudulent, corrupt or otherwise unethical
- comply with competition law obligations, demonstrate impartiality, and to not discourage innovation and competition, nor to misuse market power
- ensure fair and timely payment times as outlined in contracts

- protect and respect suppliers' confidential information and intellectual property.

Risk Management

Suppliers can expect government to:

- manage risks associated with their operations
- not inappropriately transfer risks, including down their supply chain.

Conflicts of interest

Suppliers can expect government to:

- identify and manage conflicts of interest and to disclose any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest as soon as they become aware of it
- not seek or accept gifts, hospitality, or other benefits from suppliers
- be open and transparent about any arrangement that might be perceived as improperly influential on government decision making.
- report suspicions of wrongdoing, corruption, misconduct or maladministration by staff to the Office for Public Integrity
- report any other matter, including suspicion of other unlawful or criminal activity, to the appropriate authority.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Suppliers can expect government to:

- encourage environmentally responsible policies and practices
- consider the environmental impact of their operations, including the full supply chain and product/service lifecycle.

SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

Suppliers can expect government to:

- provide a work environment that is culturally safe for all people and suppliers, free from workplace bullying, harassment, victimisation and abuse
- make all reasonable efforts to ensure that businesses within supply chains are not engaged in, or complicit with, human rights abuses, such as forced or child labour.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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