



# Social Procurement

Quality Goods, Quality Services,  
Quality Outcomes





# What is social procurement?

Simply put, social procurement is a choice made by businesses, individuals or government to buy products and services from a social enterprise.

Social enterprises operate with the strategic goal of creating social, cultural, community and environmental benefits. They can be for-profit, or non-profit organisations, and they include businesses that provide employment opportunities for people living with a disability.



## The true value of social procurement:

Social procurement creates benefits far beyond the value of the product or service you're purchasing. When you buy from a social or disability enterprise in your local community, you're also buying a positive social outcome.

Buying locally from a disability enterprise enables you to source the high quality products and services you need, while creating a direct benefit for communities and people who have been marginalised, isolated or unable to find work. It's a decision that can literally change lives.

Social procurement can also benefit your organisation through a visible commitment to social values and a stronger, more socially responsible corporate brand.

## How to buy:

### Step 1.

Think about the products and services your organisation needs to access. What are your regular procurement needs? Can these be provided by a local disability enterprise?

### Step 2.

Contact Buyability on 1300 043 517 or [enquiries@buyability.org.au](mailto:enquiries@buyability.org.au) to find out more about local disability enterprises, and find the best fit for your needs.

### Step 3.

Alternatively, check our directory of Tasmanian disability enterprises, and contact the organisation that best suits your requirements.

*Find a business or product on the following page* →



## Self Help Workplace (North)

SELFHELP.COM.AU



Self Help Workplace comprises five business units, offering a range of high-quality products and services. Self Help Workplace's diverse services include the manufacture of pine and hardwood timber products, mailing services, product assembly, secure shredding, second hand clothing, corporate catering and grounds maintenance.

## Planetree (South)

PLANETREESTUDIO.COM.AU



Plane Tree is a Tasmanian design studio specialising in premium handmade paper products, custom design and screen-printing. The Plane Tree range is crafted from 100% recycled handmade paper, including greeting cards, wedding stationery, corporate and personal stationery, writing sets, gift tags, paper packaging, and custom-made papers.

## Oakdale Enterprises (South)

OAKDALE.ORG.AU



Oakdale Enterprises produces a wide range of quality products and premium services. Oakdale's diverse enterprises include the manufacture and supply of Tasmanian timber products, bulk mail and packing services, secure document and data destruction, heating fuel solutions, garden supplies, and sewing services.

## Tastex (South)

TASTEX.COM.AU



Tastex is a Tasmanian manufacturer of premium Australian wool knitwear for the corporate, government and education markets. Tastex products are sold Australia-wide and include high quality knitwear, embroidery, uniforms, sportswear and workwear. The business also produces the DevilKnits knitwear range, and Envirowoolly soft toys.

## Devonfield (North)

DEVONFIELD.COM.AU



Devonfield Enterprises is a not-for-profit organisation providing a range of services in northern Tasmania. Devonfield's services include Healthy Cuisine – providing canteen services to schools and colleges in northern Tasmania, and Devon Gardening Services – offering garden maintenance to local individuals and businesses.

## Start Fresh Services (South)

STARTFRESHSERVICES.COM.AU



Start Fresh Services is a Colony 47, not-for-profit social enterprise providing quality commercial and domestic cleaning, gardening and property maintenance in the Hobart area. Services include general, office and government cleaning, social housing and tenancy cleans, gardening services, and property maintenance.

## St Vincent Industries (South)

STVINCENTIND.COM.AU



St Vincent Industries (SVI) is a social business providing paid employment and Nationally Recognised Training to people living with disability. SVI is Tasmania's leading manufacturer and supplier of cleaning cloths and recycled rags, supplying 600+ businesses.

## Vincent Industries (Wynyard)

VINNIES.ORG.AU/PAGE/FIND\_HELP/TAS/DISABILITY\_EMPLOYMENT/VINCENT\_INDUSTRIES



Vincent Industries provides employment and training for people living with disability in north-west Tasmania. The enterprise specialises in recycling second-hand clothes, footwear and handbags for export to India and Malaysia, and the supply of cleaning cloths and recycled rags within Tasmania's north west.

## Tadpac (South)

TADPAC.COM.AU



Tadpac is a commercial printing operation supplying high quality print products to Tasmanian businesses and services. The business has three core areas of operation – commercial printing, mailhouse services, and the dye sublimation printer, providing promotional printing services for a wide range of products.

## Bluegum (North)

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BLUEGUM-SERVICES



BlueGum specialises in maintenance and gardening services for industrial and commercial customers. BlueGum's services include: broad acre vegetation management, brush cutting, cleaning and rubbish removal, fencing, industrial gardening and clearing work, native vegetation maintenance, process work, including newspaper collation, tree felling and planting.

## Blueline Laundry

(North & South)



BLUELINE-LAUNDRY.COM

Blueline Laundry is Tasmania's largest industrial laundry, offering flexible, efficient commercial laundry and linen services to the healthcare and hospitality industries. Blueline's state of the art environmentally friendly laundry facilities enables the business to provide high quality commercial linen services to customers across Tasmania.





## The people behind your purchase

Disability enterprises operate across wide ranging sectors and industries. They create employment opportunities for people living with disability, enabling them to work, build diverse skills and experience, and connect with their local community. In this way, disability enterprises strengthen and enrich communities and improve the economic and social wellbeing of people living with disability.

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*I come to work four days a week and I feel happy to come here. I like to sew the laundry bags.*

*Genevieve Allen – Oak*



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*I love doing the orders and going to the hospital and putting them away. I feel good coming to work every day.*

*Damian Murtagh – Blueline*