

Social Enterprise Certification Guide

Identifying genuine, quality social enterprises

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.

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
- evidence of current People and Planet First verification** or
- 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.

**For information about Social Traders refer to www.socialtraders.com.au/find-a-social-enterprise*

***For information about People and Planet First refer to www.qsec.org.au/verified-social-enterprise-directory*

More information:

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