



## Purchasing for Local Best Value

**Policy Number: PUR002**

### **Policy Aim:**

To outline a framework that ensures Maroondah City Council's procurement procedure gives due consideration to the actual and potential benefits to the local economy together with local social and environmental impacts as articulated in the Council Plan.

### **Background:**

Maroondah City Council has been actively pursuing the development of the local economy by ensuring that it gives due consideration to suppliers, in its procurement activities. Consequently, this Policy forms part of Council's overall procurement policies and guidelines, and should be read in conjunction with the following;

- Maroondah City Council Procurement Policy
- Maroondah City Council Sustainable Purchasing Policy
- Maroondah City Council Guidelines for Management of Contractors
- Maroondah City Council OH&S Code for the Provision of Goods & Services
- Maroondah City Council Financial Delegations
- Maroondah City Council Best Value Policy

### **Statement of Commitment:**

Maroondah's commitment to supporting the local economy is outlined in the 2009 – 2013 Council Plan Economic Development and Employment strategic objective, as follows:

"Maroondah will have a vigorous local economy based on environmentally sustainable and socially responsible practices that attract business investment, support growth and promote employment within the municipality."

This commitment is also reflected in Maroondah 2025: A Community Planning Together, as follows:

"To achieve the vision for Economic Development and Employment, the community, business and Council in partnership will encourage the purchase of local services and goods."

*And is a strategic objective in applying the Best Value Principles, as follows:*

"In applying the Best Value Principles, Council will take into account a range of strategic objectives which include ....

(e) promotion of the local economy and local employment .."

**Scope of Policy:**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, this Policy applies to the procurement of all Council goods, services and works unless specifically exempted by Council.

**Policy Statement:**

Maroondah will seek to promote the local economy by providing opportunities for Local Suppliers giving due consideration to the relevant evaluation factors.

For the purpose of this Policy, "Local Suppliers" are defined as meeting either or both of the following criteria:

- The supplier maintains and staffs a permanent presence within the Maroondah municipality.
- The supplier can demonstrate a tangible local social, environmental or economic benefit.

**Statement of Practice:**

Council will examine the benefits available through procuring goods and services from Local Suppliers and where practicable, will actively pursue measures that support the local economy with assistance provided from Council's Economic Development Unit.

This practice will be undertaken in accordance with the following, where applicable:

1. The use of local media to attract Local Suppliers of goods and services.
2. Development of functional and performance based, rather than technical, specifications where possible to encourage local solutions.
3. Consideration of economic benefits as a procurement evaluation criterion.

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