1. The Ethical Supplier Mandate (Mandate) and the Ethical Supplier Threshold (Threshold) are an integral part of the Queensland Government’s *Buy Queensland* approach. The Mandate and Threshold support the overarching Queensland Procurement Policy and keeping Queenslanders in quality, secure and safe local jobs.
2. The Queensland Government has a category management approach to procurement. There are currently six category groups, namely: Building Construction and Maintenance, Transport Infrastructure Services, Social Services, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), General Goods and Services and Medical Goods and Services. More categories can be established as required.
3. The Mandate was initially implemented in the procurement categories of Building Construction and Maintenance and Transport Infrastructure Services.
4. An investigation into the expansion of the Mandate into the remaining four procurement categories has been undertaken and recommendations made to government.
5. The application of the Mandate across all procurement categories means that the benefits of the Mandate are applied equally across all Queensland Government procurement, ensuring that government only does business with ethical suppliers and practical measures enforceable under contract exist to penalise unethical operators.
6. Cabinet approved the expansion of a fit-for-purpose application of the Ethical Supplier Mandate to the four remaining procurement categories of Social Services, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), General Goods and Services and Medical Goods and Services, as well as any future procurement categories established from 1 February 2024.
7. Cabinet approved the proposed application of Best Practice Principles to the remaining procurement categories (Social Services, General Goods and Services and Medical Goods and Services), any future procurement categories established, and the continuation of the current exemption for the ICT category.
8. *Attachments*:
* Nil.