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Turning ESG commitments into smarter procurement & measurable ROI

15-17 September 2026 | Sydney Central Hotel

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Australia's premier **ESG Procurement Conference** returns!

The 5th annual **ESG Procurement Conference 2026** brings procurement, sustainability and supply chain leaders together to turn ESG commitments into smarter procurement, stronger supplier outcomes, and measurable business value.

Through real-world case studies, practical workshops and candid insights from procurement leaders across major organisations, you'll explore how to embed ESG into tenders, supplier engagement, category strategies and contracts. You'll also learn how leading organisations are managing Scope 3 emissions, modern slavery risks, sustainable sourcing and supplier verification while delivering commercial value and stronger procurement outcomes.

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David Hurrell
Head of Procurement
Tourism Australia

"A really inspiring event with a number of practical and scalable takeaways"

Contracts and Procurement Project Coordinator,
Bendigo TAFE (past attendee)



Top 8 Reasons to Attend:

- 1 Gain clarity on what supplier ESG data you can trust, use and act on
- 2 Move from Scope 1, 2 and 3 reporting to procurement action
- 3 Improve due diligence and supplier engagement without overloading the market
- 4 Strengthen contracts, manage ESG risk and drive outcomes that hold up
- 5 Explore practical AI and technology use cases that improve visibility and reduce manual work
- 6 Navigate climate disruption, supply continuity and competing procurement priorities
- 7 Learn what credible modern slavery and Indigenous procurement practice looks like in the real world
- 8 Make better calls on cost, risk and long-term value across decarbonisation and energy decisions



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Additional speakers include:



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Chris Newman
Co-founder & Director
Social Procurement Australasia



Jeff Nelson
Associate Director Policy
NSW Treasury



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head APAC
World Commerce & Contracting



Jackie McKeon
Program Director
Business Renewables Centre Australia



Jyoti Bhattacharjya
Lecturer
University of Sydney



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Martin Loosemore
Distinguished Professor
University of Technology Sydney



Edward Baral
Former procurement leader across leading organisations Woolworths, Westpac & Winc



Terri-Anne Daniel
Chief Executive Officer & Founding Director
Cooee Native Superfoods



Camille Soncini Bessiere
Procurement Lead - Sustainability & Risk

"Showcasing the latest thinking in achieving ESG through the procurement function."

Director, Commercial Law and Procurement, **NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development** (past attendee)



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Conference Day 1 | Wednesday, 16 September

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head APAC
[World Commerce & Contracting](#)

09:00 **Using procurement as a strategic lever for resilience, risk & sustainability**



Coretta Bessi
Chair - Government Procurement Board
[ACT Government](#)

From supplier data to ESG procurement action

09:30 Panel discussion: **What supplier ESG data is usable, what's missing, and what to trust**

Moderator:



Camille Soncini Bessiere
Procurement Lead

Panellists:



Rosalinda Bustamante
Global Sustainability Reporting Manager
[Dyno Nobel](#)



Dojo Esquivel
General Manager Supply Chain
[Australian Motoring Services](#)



Arne Geschke
Chief Data Officer
[Fair Supply](#)

10:20 Morning tea and networking

10:50 **We've measured the risk and emissions... now what?**

Many organisations have now measured their carbon emissions and started to understand their supply risk. The real challenge is what comes next. This session focuses on how procurement teams move beyond measurement into action. It also challenges us to think beyond the metric and into the community centred success factors, like the value of storytelling as part of our standard reporting to shareholders and back to the communities we come in contact with.



Mat Langley
Head of Procurement, [Metcash](#)
Co-chair, [The Sustainable Procurement Pledge](#)

11:20 Intertek SAI Global presentation

11:40 Case study: **Turning Scope 1, 2 and 3 supplier data into procurement action**



Emilio Pardo Seoane
Major Projects Commercial Director
[Transgrid](#)



Elodie Aime
Sustainable Procurement Lead
[Transgrid](#)

12:20 **Bring your tender: a live ESG procurement problem-solving clinic**



Andres Naranjo
Director of Procurement



Chris Newman
Director
[Social Procurement Australasia](#)

13:00 Networking lunch

Managing risk, contracts & resilience

13:50 From 'hummingbird' to architecting post-volatility value chains: making procurement decisions that hold up



Arun Sudheendran
Head of Procurement AUS + APAC Category Director
[McCormick & Company](#)

14:20 **You never want a serious crisis to go to waste**

Rahm Emmanuel, Chief of Staff for President Obama, famously referred to the GFC crisis as an opportunity to do things previously considered impossible. Learn how procurement professionals can apply the same approach to a crisis to achieve more strategic, longer-term and potentially ground-breaking solutions that address ESG, procurement & economic outcomes.



Edward Baral
Former procurement leader across leading organisations
[Woolworths, Westpac & Winc](#)

14:20 **Using collaborative contracting to allocate risk and deliver ESG outcomes**

Traditional contracts weren't built for sustainability, and it shows. This presentation challenges the old model of penalties and rigid compliance, and makes the case for a smarter approach: collaborative contracting that drives real ESG outcomes rather than just ticking boxes.



Sharon Morris
Group Regional Head
[WCC](#)

15:10 Partner presentation

15:30 Afternoon Tea

Using AI & tech in practice

16:00 **From compliance to impact: leveraging technology to rewire procurement as an ESG engine**



Andre Harvey
Chief Procurement Officer
[Seqwater](#)

16:30 Panel presentation: **Where is AI actually delivering value in procurement today?**

Moderator:



Jyoti Bhattacharjya
Lecturer
[University of Sydney](#)

Panellists:



Mat Langley
Head of Procurement
[Metcash](#), Co-chair
[The Sustainable Procurement Pledge](#)



Thomas Astrum
Head of Logistics

17:00 Closing remarks from the Chair

17:10 End of Day 1 & Networking Drinks

"Absolutely fantastic - great content and speakers - great delegates to talk to - well organised - thank you!"

Relationship Director, [ACT Government](#)



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Conference Day 2 | Thursday, 17 September

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair



Shaun Conroy

National Risk and Technology Committee &
Queensland State Council Member
[Governance Institute of Australia](#)

Making responsible supply chains work

09:00 **Modern slavery: what "reasonable steps" look like under scrutiny**



Lorraine Finlay

Human Rights
Commissioner
[Australian Human Rights Commission](#)



The Hon Dr James Cockayne

[NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner](#)

09:40 Panel discussion: **How can we realistically remove procurement barriers for Indigenous businesses?**

Moderator:



Chris Newman

Director
[Social Procurement Australasia](#)

Panellists:



Terri-Anne Daniel

Chief Executive Officer &
Founding Director
[Cooee Native Superfoods](#)



Jeff Nelson

Associate Director Policy
[The Treasury NSW](#)



Joseph Degrazia

Head of Contracts &
Procurement
[AMPOL](#)



Sam Alderston Johnson

Founder & Managing
Director
[Impact Policy](#)

10:20 Partner presentation

10:40 Morning Tea

Balancing competing ESG, procurement & business priorities

11:10 **Climate disruption and supply continuity: what procurement needs to protect first**



Joseph Degrazia

Head of Contracts & Procurement
[AMPOL](#)

11:40 **Using procurement to deliver community value**



Luke Kenny

Chief Executive Officer
[Local Government Procurement](#)

The ESG business case: cost, risk & value

12:10 Panel discussion: **How can procurement policy & industry practice drive cultural, economic and environmental outcomes?**

Moderator:



Cara Wood

Consultant
[Indigenous Energy Australia Australasia](#)

Panellists:



Chris Newman

Director
[Social Procurement](#)



Martin Loosemore

Distinguished Professor
[University of Technology Sydney](#)



Abbey White

Director of Community,
Sustainability & Social Impact
[CPB Contractors](#)

12:50 Networking lunch

13:50 Fireside chat: **Market reality check: what's changing and what it means for ESG procurement**

Moderator:



Catherine Maxwell

General Manager
[Governance Institute of Australia](#)

Panellists:



Moana Nottage

Senior Responsible
Investment Analyst
[Alphinity Investment Management](#)



Jordan Grace

Head of Sustainability
Performance & Engagement
[NAB](#)

14:20 **Social value at scale: leveraging the renewable energy transition as Australia's biggest social licence opportunity**



Michelle Cunningham

Chief Executive Officer
[The Fair Co.](#)

14:40 **The price of decarbonisation: what works, what doesn't & what to assess**



James Logie

Executive Director
[Infrastructure NSW](#)

15:10 Afternoon tea and networking

15:30 **Delivering the renewable energy transition: PPAs, long-term value and what procurement needs to know**



Jackie McKeon

Program Director
[Business Renewables Centre Australia](#)

16:00 **Using procurement to turn workforce participation targets into real outcomes**



Margot Brassil

Executive Director
[Infrastructure NSW](#)

16:30 Case study: **Environmentally sustainable procurement in practice - lessons from NSW Government**



Jessica Vorreiter

Senior Project Officer
[NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment & Water](#)



Dr Carly Hollier

Associate Director
[HealthShare NSW](#)

17:00 Closing remarks from the Chair



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Pre-Conference Masterclasses

Tuesday, 15 September

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Separately Bookable

The pre-conference masterclasses provide attendees with morning and afternoon tea breaks and a 1-hour lunch break allowing for extra networking opportunities and in-depth learning.

The masterclasses start at 9:00 and finish at 17:00.

Masterclass A: Building your ESG procurement playbook

This full-day masterclass is designed for procurement and ESG professionals who have frameworks in place but are grappling with the practical challenge of execution. The day moves through a logical journey: diagnose, design, embed, sustain. It combines structured content with hands-on application at each stage.

Participants will work with real challenges from their own organisations rather than hypothetical scenarios and leave with tangible outputs they can act on immediately.

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop a personal 90-day action plan aligned to your maturity gaps
- Apply the ESG Procurement Maturity Framework to assess where your function currently sits and identify priority gaps
- Reframe procurement from 'adding ESG' to 'building a function that delivers ESG'
- Understand the six operating model levers – structure, governance, process integration, capability, technology and culture – and what 'capable' looks like in practice
- Use a modified Kraljic lens to prioritise where ESG effort should be concentrated across your portfolio
- Avoid common mistakes in tender design, including unmeasurable criteria and mis-weighted ESG factors
- Develop a tiered supplier engagement model across strategic, critical and tail suppliers
- Translate ESG commitments into enforceable and proportionate contract obligations and escalation frameworks
- Build ESG capability in your team using a skills gap approach rather than a training catalogue
- Navigate ESG trade-offs using a defensible framework grounded in real-world decision-making

Participants will walk away from this masterclass with tangible outputs, practical frameworks and a clear pathway to embed and sustain ESG procurement practices within their organisation.

Facilitator:



Chris Hodgson
Director Advisory
Propello Procurement

"Energising, insightful and actionable."

Senior Manager Sustainability Partnerships, Westpac

Masterclass B: Beyond compliance: managing ESG risk, identifying exposure and protecting business value

Explore how procurement, risk and ESG leaders can move beyond checkbox approaches to understand real exposure, manage uncertainty, and protect long-term business value. Through a combination of practical frameworks and real-world scenarios, the session focuses on how to identify where risk truly sits across the supply chain, how to respond proportionately, and how to navigate increasing accountability, including directors' duties and legal liabilities in sustainability reporting.

Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of their organisation's ESG risk profile, and the tools to embed risk-informed, commercially grounded decision-making into procurement and supplier strategies.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the evolving ESG risk landscape and increasing expectations from regulators, investors and stakeholders
- Identify and map ESG risk exposure across supply chains, including areas of highest vulnerability and impact
- Distinguish between compliance-driven activities and risk-based approaches that prioritise material risks
- Assess ESG risks in the context of financial, operational and reputational impact
- Navigate incomplete or uncertain ESG data and determine what constitutes sufficient and defensible evidence
- Prioritise supplier risk using structured frameworks aligned to materiality and business exposure
- Balance cost, risk and value when making ESG-related procurement decisions under pressure
- Define proportionate due diligence and supplier engagement strategies based on risk and influence
- Navigate directors' duties and legal liabilities in sustainability reporting and ESG disclosures
- Communicate ESG risk, trade-offs and decisions clearly to executives, boards and stakeholders

Participants will walk away from this masterclass with practical frameworks to identify and manage ESG risk, strengthen governance and accountability, and make confident, defensible decisions that protect both organisational value and reputation.

Facilitators:



Alan Dayeh
Partner, Sustainability
Strategy & Financial Services
ERM



Alexa Muratore
Consulting Director, Sustainability
strategy & supply chain
ERM



Annabel Hart
Partner
ERM

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Partnering with **ESG Procurement 2026** puts your organisation at the centre of the conversations where sustainability actually turns into action. It gives you direct access to senior leaders across procurement, sustainability, risk, finance and government who are actively making decisions about suppliers, spend and ESG priorities. This is a highly targeted audience dealing with real challenges who are looking for practical solutions that work in the real world.



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What past attendees say about the ESG Procurement Conference

"Amazing, jam-packed content to take back to the workplace and start to make a difference."

Category Manager, **Hastings Deering**



"A great opportunity to interact with peers to help determine how we can collaborate to make a real difference."

APAC Subcontract Category Lead, **Honeywell**

"The ESG Procurement Conference was a very informative event, and was a good opportunity to hear what is happening in the industry and network with like minded professionals."

General Manager Strategic Procurement, **Stanwell**



"Anyone working in ESG needs to attend this conference in order to learn from each other, collaborate, share and build a movement for change."

Executive Officer, **ACAN**



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Managing Director, **Procurement People**

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