

Dear Productivity Commission

I am pleased to submit a recent white paper titled ***Circular Economy in Procurement: Challenges and Recommendations for NSW Local Governments***, which was published in May this year¹.

This paper provides an in-depth analysis of current procurement practices and highlights key opportunities and barriers to implementing circular economy principles effectively. It also outlines strategic recommendations tailored for local governments, aiming to promote sustainable procurement and resource efficiency.

Additionally, I am preparing a follow-up discussion paper that will incorporate newly gathered data from Oct 2024. This upcoming paper will build on the findings of the initial white paper, offering updated insights and refined recommendations based on evolving trends and data. Together, these papers aim to support NSW local governments in transitioning towards more sustainable and resilient procurement practices.

I appreciate the opportunity to share our findings and contribute to this critical dialogue on circular economy advancements, and I look forward to engaging further with the Commission and other stakeholders to explore practical solutions for sustainable procurement and resource efficiency.

Your sincerely

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¹ <https://lgp.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Circular-Economy-White-Paper-May-2024.pdf>