

# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

Financial Year 2022-23

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To meet our seven mandatory reporting criteria, our statement is structured across seven sections.

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Keolis Downer acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

We would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future in maintaining the culture, country and their spiritual connection to the land.



## Chief Executive Officer Introduction

Keolis Downer supports a commitment to conduct business in an ethical and responsible way. Keolis Downer will not tolerate any form of human rights abuse, including modern slavery, in our operations and supply chain. We implement a risk-based approach to managing modern slavery and are committed to continuously improving our processes.

We are pleased to present our annual Modern Slavery Statement. This year's Statement is a reflection of our ongoing efforts to address and minimise modern slavery risks.

In FY23, we continued to strengthen our processes and procedures to combat modern slavery risks within our operations and supply chain. We updated Keolis Downer's modern slavery framework, and reviewed and enhanced our training programs to ensure our people have the knowledge to detect and report modern slavery risks. We also continue to refine the process for supplier prequalification and investigate strategies to safeguard against risks in international sourcing.

While we have made progress and improvements to our processes and procedures, we remain alert to the challenges and risks we face and understand we must keep sight of current and evolving threats. We will continue to collaborate with our internal and external stakeholders over the coming years to address our own modern slavery risks and build on our commitment to combat modern slavery in our supply chain.

This statement was approved by the Board of Keolis Downer on 15 December 2023

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Julien Dehornoy Keolis Downer Chief Executive Officer

## Criteria A About our statement

This Modern Slavery Statement applies to and describes the steps taken by Keolis Downer Pty Ltd ACN 165 343 680 (Keolis Downer) and all group subsidiary entities, as informed by the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2018, for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (FY23) to mitigate modern slavery in its operations and supply chains.

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This statement is submitted as a joint statement on behalf of all reporting entities which include the following Keolis Downer Group wholly owned operating subsidiary entities:

- KDR Victoria Pty Ltd ACN 136 066 074
- Keolis Downer Bus and Coachlines Pty Ltd ACN 604 655 140
- Keolis Downer Adelaide Pty Ltd ACN 644 359 473

Other group entities covered by this Statement are listed in the Appendix<sup>1</sup>.

The Statement has been signed by the Chief Executive Officer of Keolis Downer and by a Director as approved by the Board of Keolis Downer.

### Our approach

This Modern Slavery Statement is published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth). Keolis Downer supports the aim of the Act, which is to combat modern slavery in global supply chains and to illuminate the impact of modern slavery across the world. Keolis Downer's approach to modern slavery risk reflects our core values which is to treat people with fairness, respect and dignity.

Keolis Downer respects universal human rights and will work to identify and manage the risks of modern slavery in its own operations and in its supply chain. We provide a healthy, safe and sustainable workplace underpinned by the Keolis Downer Zero Harm Policy and we reject any activities which may cause or contribute to forced or bonded labour, child labour, human trafficking, slavery, servitude, forced marriage or deceptive recruiting for labour or services.

Keolis Downer stands against modern slavery in all its forms and expects that all our employees, suppliers, contractors, stakeholders and other business partners share this view.

We acknowledge the diverse nature of our supply chain and the challenges we face to make our supply chain visible. To mitigate these challenges, we will provide leadership through education, collaborate widely and establish a pathway of accountability for our organisation.



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## Criteria B Our structure, operations and supply chain

### **Our Operations**

eolis Downer is a leading operator and integrator of public transport in Australia. With over 6,000 employees and a presence in five states, Keolis Downer enables 350 million passenger journeys per year.

We operate and maintain the largest tram network in the world in Melbourne (Yarra Trams), the light rail network on the Gold Coast (G:link), the Adelaide Metro train services and more than 1,300 buses in New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

Established in 2009, Keolis Downer is a joint venture between Keolis, a leading public transport operator established in 13 countries, and Downer, the leading provider of integrated services in Australia and New Zealand.





### **Keolis Downer Snapshot**

#### MELBOURNE LIGHT RAIL - YARRA TRAMS

Yarra Trams is the world's largest tram network proudly operated by Keolis Downer and delivers more than 200 million passenger trips each year.

- 500+ trams
- 2,500+ employees
- 5,000 services a day





#### GOLD COAST LIGHT RAIL - G:LINK

- 18 trams
- 200+ employees
- 845,000+ passengers every month

#### ADELAIDE METRO RAIL SERVICES

- 70 diesel and 30 electric trains
- 6 lines
- 89 stations
- 500+ employees
- 15 million passenger trips per year.



#### NEWCASTLE MULTI MODAL CONTRACT

First multi-modal public transport contract to be delegated to a private operator in Australia.

It includes buses, ferries and light rail.

- Over 180+ buses
- 2 Ferries
- 6 light rail vehicles
- 4 On Demand Vehicles
- Over 440+ employees





#### **BUS OPERATIONS ACROSS AUSTRALIA**

**NEW SOUTH WALES - Northern Beaches & Lower North Shore:** 800+ employees, 400+ vehicles, 31 million+ passenger trips per year, 12 On Demand Vehicles.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Pathtransit:** 700+ employees, 15 million vehicle km/per year, 400+ vehicles, 8 million passenger journeys per year.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Southlink & LinkSA:** 260+ vehicles, 3,600+ weekly services, over 3.5 million passenger journeys per year and 6 On Demand Vehicles.

**QUEENSLAND - Hornibrook Buslines:** 115+employees, 64+ vehicles, Over 1.7million passenger journeys per year, 3.6 million+ vehicle km/per year.



### **Our Supply Chain**

# eolis Downer engages with a diverse network of suppliers. Our partners range from large established businesses to smaller local business. Keolis Downer's supply chain can be broadly classified across 5 categories:

- General Goods and Services: Purchases for operations including fuel, spare parts, uniforms, IT services and other items.
- Maintenance Services: Maintenance works and services on vehicles and property
- Subcontractors: Contractors hired by Keolis Downer to perform services such as consulting and other operational activities.

Percentage of spend for major suppliers by

- Professional Services: Supporting functions for business which can include legal, financial and accounting advisory in addition to other technical services.
- **Capital Purchases:** Purchase of assets such as fleet vehicles, land and buildings.

The major suppliers used by Keolis Downer are essentially Australian for 93%, which reflects our priority in supporting local Australian businesses.

Major Supplier profile by geographic



#### Location and risk of major suppliers - in order of spend

Country	Spend	Modern Slavery Risk Rating			
		Prevalence	Vulnerability	Government Response	Overall Rating
<b>1</b> Australia	\$470m	1.6	7	67	Low
2 Germany	\$13m	0.6	11	62	Low
<b>3</b> Austria	\$5m	1.9	8	62	Low
4 Czech Republic	\$3m	4.2	13	59	Low
5 China	\$3m	4	46	40	Medium
6 Switzerland	\$1m	0.5	14	50	Low

Total Spend for major suppliers in FY23 was \$506m. Level of risk based on data from The Global Slavery Index.

## Criteria C Identification of modern slavery risks in our operations and supply chain

eolis Downer recognises modern slavery as acts of servitude, slavery, forced labour, forced marriage, child labour, debt bondage, deceptive recruiting for labour or services and trafficking.

It refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power.

Keolis Downer's group and entity policies govern how we identify and respond to modern slavery risk.

Consistent with the **UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**, we continue to assess our potential to:

- Cause modern slavery through our operations
- Contribute to modern slavery through our operations
- Be directly linked to modern slavery through the operations, products, services or activities of a supplier, whether they reside in our Tier 1 supply chain or beyond.

For the purposes of this report, Keolis Downer defines our operations and supply chain in the following way:

**Operations:** Activity undertaken by Keolis Downer to pursue its business objectives and strategy, including the direct employment of workers engaged in the lifecycle of services delivered to our customers.

**Supply chain:** The products and services (including labour) that contribute to Keolis Downer's own services. This includes subcontractors and products and services sourced in Australia or overseas and extends beyond Keolis Downer's Tier 1 suppliers or subcontractors.

The vast majority of our supplier spend relates to goods and services suppliers and subcontractors who are based in Australia.

### Risk of Modern Slavery Practices in Operations and Supply Chain

Each year, Keolis Downer conducts a review of suppliers to identify instances and risk factors of modern slavery. Suppliers which were new and in higher risk industries or locations were selected for further analysis. While no instances of modern slavery were identified through this process. Keolis Downer is committed to continuing the review and investigation of potential instances of modern slavery.

#### OPERATIONAL RISK – KEOLIS DOWNER'S WORKFORCE

We considered operatitional risk within Keolis Downer to be inherently low due to its geographical locatition. Keolis Downer employs more than 6,000 people, primarily based in Australia, are employed under Australian laws and regulatitions and are largely subject to union oversight.

The profile of Keolis Downer's workforce at the end of FY23 is shown below.

#### Employees by employment type

	FY22	FY22 %	FY23	FY23 %
Permanent – Full & part time	5,429	92.4%	5,558	90.5%
Casual and Fixed term contract	446	7.6%	585	9.5%
Total	5,875		6,143	+4.6%

Through our HR teams and trusted external advisors, we are committed to ensuring we meet all employment obligations; whether arising under statute, collective agreements or modern awards. This is achieved by conducting regular reviews and audits, a thorough analysis of terms and conditions built into our payroll systems and by quickly remedying any issues identified. Group entities also conduct appropriate background security checks on prospective employees.

Keolis Downer's Business Integrity Policy provides a mechanism for grievance reporting via any senior manager or officer of the company. **In addition, the 'Our Voice' service allows our employees, subcontractors and suppliers to make an anonymous report of inappropriate, illegal, corrupt or unethical behaviour, which may include instances of modern slavery and labour exploitation.** 

Because of these factors we consider operational risk within Keolis Downer's workforce to be inherently low.

#### SUPPLY CHAIN RISK

After successfully applying our risk-based approach to identifying modern slavery risks in previous Financial Years, we again used this methodology to assess risk factors and prioritise areas for monitoring in Financial Year 2023. Suppliers were categorised and assessed as high, medium, or low risk for modern slavery practices.

General goods and services again comprised the largest category. This category is considered more at risk than other categories although this is mitigated by service based procurement being largely in-house and outsourced services will be monitored through induction of staff. Procurement relating to employee uniforms, cleaning and IT services were classified as potential risk areas.

Capital purchases were made almost exclusively from Australian based companies. Keolis Downer is cognisant that materials and/or additional labour used within the manufacture of these capital items may have been sourced from overseas, where there is a potential risk to Keolis Downer of indirect association with modern slavery practices.

Geographically, using The Global Slavery Index2 and the US Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor3, we have classified the location of most of our suppliers as low risk. We have only considered China as a medium risk country.

Given the complexity of our supply chain, we do not have visibility over our Tier 2 and 3 suppliers to the same extent as our Tier 1 suppliers. We plan to gain greater transparency beyond our direct suppliers to better understand the risk of modern slavery practices in our supply chain. This is an ongoing focus for us.

Comprehensive Modern Slavery Risk assessments were conducted on companies considered to be higher risk suppliers. This included using information collected and contained in reputable independent third-party due diligence platforms. A full contract audit of a Security Services provider (a category considered to be at higher risk of Modern Slavery practices due to the typical engagement of staff on lower pay rates, high staff turnover, casualisation of labour, foreign staff on working visas, low training and qualification thresholds, etc.) was conducted. It found that the company had a Modern Slavery Policy in place but was not required to produce a Modern Slavery Statement. A comprehensive review of staff rostering, payslips showing wage payments made to staff, the correct payment of staff versus awards and EBAs, right to work verification, and other indicators of sound employment practices were present.

Reviews of a supplier of overseas rolling stock componentry and another local provider of recycling services was performed. In both cases they showed no flags via the independent third-party due diligence and compliance platforms used. The overseas supplier was not mandated to produce a Statement but their indicated policies and employment practices mitigated Modern Slavery risks. The local supplier of recycling services was clear of flags via our due diligence platform and also not required to produce a statement. Their corporate group provides a strong social and regulatory compliance approach to their operations.

#### SUBCONTRACTORS AND LABOUR HIRE

Keolis Downer engages subcontractors and labour hire providers across our operational locations. We are aware that modern slavery risks may not be immediately visible within this network. Labour hire contracts require Keolis Downer contractors to comply with industrial relations obligations under the Fair Work Act and not engage in unethical work practices.

Services procured relating to maintenance, subcontractor and professional services were exclusively performed within Australia, the majority of which were performed by qualified professionals. This category was considered low risk.



#### **CLEANING SERVICES**

The cleaning industry can be highly susceptible to modern slavery risks, via common practices such as subcontracting, employment of migrant workers, as well as the high volume, time pressured and often base-skilled nature of the work itself. The industry has historically been classified as 'high risk'. Keolis Downer recognises this risk and uses certain suppliers for the provision of cleaning services, most of which are major Australian-owned/operated and all operating primarily or exclusively within Australia (including Downer subsidiaries) to provide services. Suppliers are expected to maintain fundamental labour and human rights standards and comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the suppliers are doing business, including employment laws, maintain just and decent working conditions, share Keolis Downer's respect for the environment and implement sound security measures. Keolis Downer has reviewed the Modern Slavery Statement of suppliers where available.

We also take additional action, such as the inclusion of explicit obligations in respect to modern slavery in new contracts with suppliers and subcontractors. This includes the right for Keolis Downer to take meaningful steps should those obligations be breached.

## Case Study

FOCUS ON: Modern Slavery Implementation by Keolis Downer Gold Coast (KDGC) a Keolis Downer operating entity and the operator of G:link

n 2023, KDGC implemented the following measures as part of its modern slavery obligations:

- E-Learning training module (developed by the Keolis Downer Modern Slavery Working Group) completed by all employees who are in roles that are exposed to suppliers / contractors / contract management and with a financial delegation.
- Modern Slavery references included in the KDGC Procurement Policy.
- Modern Slavery and Social Equity Questionnaire completed by all prospective suppliers / contractors as part of all procurement activities.
- Supplier Code of Conduct signed and accepted by all suppliers who are onboarded for use by KDGC.
- Modern Slavery definition and Service Provider obligations for review and reporting of its supply chain in connection with modern slavery included in the KDGC standard contract template.
- KDGC Depot / Employee Inductions include Modern Slavery references.
- Business Integrity Policy (Whistleblower), which has an independent reporting service (Our Voice) to be used for reporting any modern slavery within our supply chain.

Throughout 2023 KDGC has undertaken procurement activities in cleaning and security services, which can be highly susceptible to modern slavery risks via common practices such as subcontracting employment of migrant workers as well as the high volume, time pressure and often base-skilled nature of the work itself. These industries have historically been classified as high risk.

KDGC has mitigated this risk by:

- ensuring the procurement activities utilised the Modern Slavery and Social Equity Questionnaire to undertake due diligence checks on potential suppliers;
- ensuring these services are governed by KDGC services agreement covering modern slavery risk obligations and the supplier agrees to be bound by the KDGC Supplier Code of Conduct;
- request for direct workforce engaged through the correct industrial instrument under the contract which ensures that all their staff are paid correctly;
- companies are based in Australia; and
- all personnel engaged under the contract must be Australian citizens, permanent residents or held valid visas with permissions to work.

## Criteria D Assessment of our Modern Slavery risks and process to address

### Our approach

eolis Downer implements a four-stage mitigation approach in dealing with modern slavery risk.

These stages are:

- 1. **Policies and framework:** Our Modern Slavery Statement is supported by Keolis Downer's policies based on the Keolis "Konformite" program which incorporates human rights, employee conduct, supplier conduct, sustainable procurement and modern slavery.
- 2. **Processes, procedures and standards:** Our policies and framework are supported by procedures and standards to prevent modern slavery occurring within our supply chain. These include:
  - Employee training including at induction related to Modern Slavery and other employment and business policies;
  - Improvement of our Procurement processes and further training of procurement and contract management staff;
  - Supplier and subcontractor prequalification in line with procurement processes;
  - Standard terms and conditions for supply agreements and subcontracts, including our purchase order terms and conditions;
  - Supplier due diligence.
- 3. **Governance:** Strong governance assures compliance with our policies, framework, processes, procedures and standards. Keolis Downer employees, suppliers, contractors and consultants can raise concerns about modern slavery through our formal whistleblower process.
- 4. **Continuous improvement:** Keolis Downer is committed to continually enhancing our approach to modern slavery. Keolis Downer's progress in Financial Year 2023 is set out below while our focus areas for Financial Year 2024 are outlined on page 18.



During 2023, Keolis Downer took the following steps to mitigate the risk of modern slavery based on the objectives identified in our FY22 Modern Slavery Statement.

#### LOOKING BACK: 2022 OBJECTIVES

Focus Area	Objective	Outcome
Communicate our Modern Slavery commitments internally and externally:	Deliver our Keolis Downer modern slavery e-learning general training module to operating entities and employees to increase employee awareness of modern slavery and the risks it poses to our operations and supply chain activity;	Completed
	Continue to incorporate our modern slavery training module to form part of Keolis Downer employee induction process;	Completed
	Develop an enhanced Keolis Downer modern slavery training module to be specifically targeted to Purchasing, Procurement, Contract Management, supplier relations and operational management staff to ensure enhanced awareness of modern slavery issues and relevant policies, in order that breaches of Keolis Downer's policies can be identified and reported.	Completed
Improve systems and processes to comply with KD's Policies:	Updated procurement policies and procedures including reference to modern slavery to be uploaded onto the Keolis Downer operating entities intranet sites for business wide access;	Partially Completed
	Continue to review and progressively build in specific modern slavery terms and conditions into our procurement templates and supply contracts as each of them are varied or renewed.	Continuing
Better understand our supply chain:	Carry out further assessment and monitoring of higher-risk suppliers and/or Tier 2 suppliers;	Completed



## Criteria E Assessing the effectiveness of our actions

### ASSESSMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR ACTIONS

eolis Downer's Modern Slavery Working Group is comprised of members of the operations, finance, legal, procurement and communications departments from the Group's operating entities.

It has oversight to

- Provide for regular engagement and feedback between key functions;
- Tracking actions and measuring the impact of our actions;
- Review the effectiveness of Keolis Downer's Modern Slavery controls and provide a forum for regular engagement and feedback;
- Monitor training development and deployment;
- Check risk assessment processes to ensure they remain up to date;
- Oversee internal audits, supplier agreements, and results of supplier prequalification;
- Review any feedback in relation to any potential Modern Slavery risks identified and subsequent course of action to remediate;

By their nature, these actions are expected to continue, providing a basis for internal and external reporting of our progress.

Keolis Downer's Modern Slavery working group meets regularly to discuss the effectiveness of actions taken and continues to mature our risk management framework. Performance indicators are being developed to assess the effectiveness of our approach to modern slavery.

In 2023 no actual instances of modern slavery were identified via our assessments, due diligence processes, or through our grievance procedures or whistleblower processes.





## Criteria F Consultation process

### **CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES**

The Keolis Downer Modern Slavery Statement is a result of consultation and collaboration between Keolis Downer operating entities and Keolis Downer shareholder groups.

Through our **Keolis Downer Modern Slavery Working Group**, Keolis Downer operating entities routinely discuss issues that relate to modern slavery.

Each Keolis Downer operating entity representative on the Modern Slavery Working Group monitors their respective controlled entity's compliance with and support Keolis Downer's modern slavery positions, including compliance with all relevant legislation, adoption of procurementrelated standards and polices, and training.

#### **KEOLIS SHAREHOLDER GROUP**

Keolis Downer's General Counsel presented a comprehensive overview and training session on the requirements of the Australian Modern Slavery Act to the Keolis Global Legal Steering Committee. This provided an opportunity to inform and collaborate on Group compliance and procurement policies and provide information on specific modern slavery requirements.

#### DOWNER SHAREHOLDER GROUP

Keolis Downer consults with Downer's Group Procurement & Strategic Sourcing members to ensure alignment on Modern Slavery matters.

#### INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

Keolis Downer's Modern Slavery Working Group is represented on the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Modern Slavery Network. Group members regularly attend and participate in Network meetings including a presentation from a representative of the Attorney General's Department in October on reporting requirements, best practice statements, trends in modern slavery reporting and the Modern Slavery Act Review.



## Criteria G Looking forward

### Looking forward: FY2024 Objectives

Objective
Keolis Downer modern slavery e-learning general training module to continue to be delivered to all employees including as a part of Keolis Downer employee induction process;
Enhanced Keolis Downer modern slavery procurement training module converted to e-learning and delivered to ensure enhanced awareness of modern slavery issues and relevant policies, in order that breaches of Keolis Downer's policies can be identified and reported.
Modern slavery training content to be included in the Keolis Downer site-based induction process for suppliers working at each site.
Continue to review and progressively build in specific modern slavery terms and conditions into our procurement templates and supply contracts as each of them are varied or renewed.
Further assessment and monitoring of higher-risk suppliers and/or Tier 2 suppliers;
Further engagement with our suppliers to ensure the alignment of values on modern slavery practices to be undertaken by procurement and contract management specific staff.
Explore whether supplier risk and compliance assessment can be enhanced through Keolis Downer group wide use of a technological platform solution.

Keolis Downer will continue to mature our processes and raise awareness of the issues with our employees, subcontractors and local and international suppliers. We recognise that this process will be ongoing and we will seek to respond to changes in market conditions to manage our modern slavery risks moving forward.

## **Certification & Appendix**

#### CERTIFICATION BY DIRECTORS

This statement was approved by the Board of Keolis Downer Pty Ltd

Signed

Laurence Broseta Director Keolis Downer Pty Ltd

#### APPENDIX

#### 1. Other Group Entities

KDR Gold Coast Pty Ltd ACN 150 236 936 KDR Victoria Services Pty Ltd ACN 169 448 382 Keolis Downer Bus and Coachlines Property Pty Ltd ACN 604 655 834 Hornibrook Transit Management Pty Ltd ACN 010 693 348 South West Transit Pty Ltd ACN 077 811 253 Australian Transit Enterprises Pty Ltd ACN 066 987 086 Hornibrook Bus Lines Pty Ltd ACN 010 013 224 Path Transit Pty Ltd ACN 074 765 692 Southlink Pty Ltd ACN 067 806 544 Link SA Pty Ltd ACN 131 552 415 Keolis Downer Hunter Pty Ltd ACN 614 205 766 Keolis Downer Northern Beaches Pty Ltd ACN 621 012 717 Keolis Downer South Australia Pty Ltd ACN 644 358 234

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