

# Just buying

Our choice of supplier/employee can contribute to making a more just society.

Social procurement occurs when people/organisations purchase goods and services from suppliers whose processes and outcomes achieve a social benefit. For example if you are in Sydney you could chose the Two Wolves Community Cantina as the venue for a function. In so doing you get both delicious food and drink in a quirky setting while also contributing funds to The Cardoner Project's work of supporting volunteers address social and economic exclusion through projects with communities in need.



An alternative is for people/organisations to directly employ the long-term unemployed, refugees, people with a disability, and/or Indigenous workers. Under that arrangement the employer needs to ensure appropriate recruitment, training, support and resolution of any issues that arise. Engaging a social enterprise means that people with experience and contacts with that population and industry take on these responsibilities.

There are many social enterprises that use their business processes to address social problems, improve communities, provide disadvantaged people with employment and training, or help the environment.

Social enterprises can supply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaning    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catering    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car washing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawn mowing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Packing     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recycling   |

## For more information:

- Map for Impact (list of social enterprises in Victoria) <https://mapforimpact.com.au/>
- Inventshift (small but free list of social enterprises) <https://www.inventshift.com/list-of-social-enterprises?query=Newcastle,%20New%20South%20Wales,%20Australia&pt=-32.9271,151.776>
- Top Stories: Australian Social Entrepreneurs Of 2016 <http://socialgoodstuff.com/2017/01/top-stories-australian-social-entrepreneurs-2016/>
- The Two Wolves Community Cantina <http://thetwowolves.com.au/>