



## **[DRAFT] RESOLUTION**

'Sustainable Choice' is a sustainable purchasing program helping local government meet Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) and triple bottom line objectives.

It is a joint undertaking of the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW with the Department of Environment and Conservation NSW (DEC), and participating councils.

The program provides support and guidance to councils on products and services that save energy or water, contain recycled content, are non toxic, have greenhouse or biodiversity benefits, or advance council's social or environmental objectives in some way.

(Insert Council) agrees to become a member of the Sustainable Choice Program by:

1. Accepting in writing the LGSAs invitation to join the program.
2. Establishing a team with responsibility to co-ordinate sustainable purchasing in council.
3. Developing, adopting and implementing sustainable purchasing policy principles, as set out in Appendix 1 (below).
4. Integrating sustainable purchasing principles into council's existing purchasing processes.
5. Establishing a tracking system to monitor the scope and level of purchasing activity.
6. Council participation in the Sustainable Choice annual reporting questionnaire to record the scope and level of sustainable purchasing taking place in NSW local government.
7. Staff participation in peer education forums, (workshops, etc) to facilitate increased levels of awareness of the benefits of sustainable purchasing.

**There are no fees or charges to join the Sustainable Choice Program.**