

# Fair Trade Policy

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## 1. Objectives

- 1.1. To outline and demonstrate the commitment of NUSA to Fair Trade and Fair Trade purchases.
- 1.2. To support the objectives of the Procurement Policy.
- 1.3. To promote a culture of social responsibility amongst the members, staff and volunteers of NUSA and the students of the University of Newcastle.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1. **Fair Trade** means an alternative trading system which ensures producers in poor countries get a fair price for their goods (one that covers the cost of production and guarantees a sustainable livelihood).
- 2.2. **Fairtrade certified** means the labelling system administered by the Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO) and Fairtrade Labelling ANZ. It refers to products such as coffee, tea and chocolate which have been certified by Fairtrade Labelling ANZ as meeting internationally recognised Fairtrade standards and carry the Fairtrade Label on their packaging.

## 3. Interpretation

- 3.1. Interpretation of this Policy is within the jurisdiction of the President, pursuant to the authority of NUSAC.
- 3.2. This Policy shall be interpreted so as to at meet the objectives of the policy.
- 3.3. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted in such a way so as to detract from the ability of NUSA, its staff or affiliates to conduct its operations or events in connection with the objectives of NUSA.

## 4. Purchases

- 4.1. NUSA shall endeavour to utilise Fair Trade certified products in the workplace and at all activities carried out under its auspices or at its request.
- 4.2. When tendering for products, criteria shall include, but not be limited to Fair Trade certified products, where available.
- 4.3 Nothing in this clause shall be interpreted in such a way so as to require the purchase of Fair Trade certified products where to do so would incur a significant increase in costs.

## **5. Partnerships**

- 5.1. When working in collaboration with other organisations NUSA shall endeavour to ensure that the organisation in question adheres as far as practicable with the Fair Trade Policy of NUSA.
- 5.2. Preference shall be given to organisations that have a Fair Trade Policy in operation.
- 5.3 Nothing in this clause shall be interpreted in such a way so as to require NUSA to incur a significant increase in costs, financial or otherwise.
- 5.4. Clause 5 shall apply to, but not be limited to the outsourcing of services.

## **6. Affiliates**

- 6.1 Affiliates of NUSA are expected to adhere to this policy.

## **7. Adherence**

- 7.1 When the role of Environment Convener is filled, the Environment Convener should take responsibility, where possible, for assisting with implementation of this policy.
- 7.2 If a Fair Trade working group becomes established by the University Committee on Environmental Sustainability (UCES), the Environmental Convener shall, where possible, participate in that working group as a NUSA representative.
- 7.3 When a Fair Trade working group is established, the Environmental Convener shall, where possible, make recommendations, where the working group deems fit, to NUSA committee regarding issues concerning Fair Trade or amendments to the Fair Trade Policy.