



STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR PURCHASE OF GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

Adopted June 2023

1. AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This "Agreement" comprises
- the Request for Quotation (if any), the Purchase Order, these standard conditions, any special conditions set out in the Request for Quotation, the Specifications and Drawings, and any other documents referred to in the Request for Quotation; and
 - (b) any express written agreement between the parties in relation to the Request for Quotation as a result of negotiations entered into prior to the date of the Purchase Order.
- 1.2 Westernport Water may amend the Agreement in its absolute discretion by publishing updated terms on its website from time to time at <https://www.westernportwater.com.au/about/current-rfq-tenders/>
- 1.3 The Supplier is deemed to have examined all documents comprising the Agreement, obtained all other necessary information, determined the nature and extent of the Supply and assessed the amount of temporary works, materials, labour and plant necessary to complete the Supply.
- 1.4 The order of precedence of the contract documents shall be as follows:
- any express written agreement referred to in clause 1.1(b);
 - the Purchase Order;
 - any special conditions set out in the Request for Quotation;
 - these standard conditions;
 - the Specifications and Drawings; and
 - any other documents referred to in the Request for Quotation.
- 1.5 If the Supplier finds an inconsistency in or between the documents comprising the Agreement, the Supplier shall notify Westernport Water in writing as soon as possible. After receiving such notice, Westernport Water will direct the Supplier how the inconsistency is to be resolved based principally on the order of precedence identified in clause 1.4.
- 1.6 The Supplier is deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions in the Agreement if the Supplier does not dispute the acceptance of the Request for Quotation and these standard conditions within 5 days of receipt of the Request for Quotation.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.1 In the Agreement, the following words have these meanings unless the contrary intention appears:
- "Code of Practice"** means a code of practice as defined in, and approved under, the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).
 - "Commencement Date"** means the date that the Supply is to commence as stated in the Request for Quotation, or if no date is stated in the Request for Quotation, the Commencement Date will be the Delivery Date.
 - "Completion Date"** means the Delivery Date or any other date notified by Westernport Water to the Supplier in accordance with clause 14.1.
 - "Contract Publishing System"** means the system of the Victorian Government requiring publication of details of contracts entered into by Victorian Government departments, bodies and agencies including any replacement or amended system.
 - "Delivery Date"** means the date specified in the Request for Quote (or if none stated, in the Purchase Order) (or as otherwise directed or specified by Westernport Water) that the Supply is to be made to the Site or to Westernport Water.
 - "GST Act"** means the *A New Tax System (Goods and*

Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth).

- "Health Privacy Principles"** means the health privacy principles set out in the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic).
- "IBAC"** means the commission established under the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011* (Vic) and includes any other organisation that may, from time to time, perform the functions of the commission.
- "Information Privacy Principles"** has the meaning given in the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).
- "Intellectual Property"** means all present and future rights in the nature of intellectual or industrial property including but not limited to patents, copyright, designs, and trade marks, whether or not registered, registrable or patentable.
- "Laws"** means:
 - any statute, regulation or subordinate legislation of the Commonwealth of Australia, the State or local or other government in force in the State of Victoria, irrespective of where enacted; and
 - lawful requirements of any government or government department or other body or a governmental, semi-governmental, judicial, municipal, statutory or public entity or authority (including a statutory authority or a State-owned enterprise), a self-regulatory authority established under statute or a stock exchange (wherever created or located) or a person (whether autonomous or not) who is charged with the administration of a law.
- "Overdue Amount"** means an amount (or part thereof) that:
 - is not, or is no longer, disputed;
 - is due and owing under a tax invoice (as defined in the GST Act), properly rendered by the Supplier in accordance with the Agreement; and
 - which has been outstanding for more than 10 business days from the date of receipt of the correctly rendered tax invoice (or the date that the amount ceased to be disputed, as the case may be).
- "Personnel"** of a party includes the officers, employees, agents, contractor and sub-contractors of that party.
- "PPSA"** means the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) as amended from time to time.
- "Protective Data Security Standards"** means any standard issued under Part 4 of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic) and any policies or protocols issued by Westernport Water to ensure compliance with those standards.
- "Public Sector Employee"** has the same meaning as in section 4(1) of the *Public Administration Act 2004* (Vic).
- "Purchase Order"** means the document identified as such.
- "Purchase Price"** means the amount stated in the Purchase Order.
- "Request for Quotation"** means the document identified as such and includes any special conditions.
- "Specification and Drawings"** means the documents attached to and forming part of the Agreement as identified in the Request for Quotation (or if none stated, the Purchase Order).
- "Site"** means the site at the address stated in the Request for Quotation (or if none stated, the Purchase Order).
- "Supplier"** means the entity named as such in the Purchase Order.
- "Supplier Code of Conduct"** means the Code of Conduct issued by the Victorian Government for suppliers providing goods or services to the Victorian Government, as amended from time to time.
- "Supply"** means the goods and/or services specified in the Request for Quotation (or if none stated, the Purchase Order).

- (y) **"Term"** means the duration of this Agreement from the Commencement Date to the Completion Date.
- (z) **Victorian Public Sector Commission (VPSC) Code of Conduct** means the Code of Conduct for Victorian Public Sector Employees 2015 issued by the Public Sector Commission pursuant to section 61 of the *Public Administration Act 2004 (Vic)*.
- (aa) **"Westernport Water"** means the Westernport Region Water Corporation ABN 63 759 106 755.

3. SCOPE

- 3.1 The Supplier must provide, perform or deliver the Supply to Westernport Water in accordance with the Agreement and in compliance with all applicable Laws and standards.
- 3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Supplier Code of Conduct is an important part of the State of Victoria's approach to procurement and describes the State of Victoria's minimum expectations regarding the conduct of its suppliers;
 - (b) it has read and aspires to comply with the Supplier Code of Conduct; and
 - (c) the expectations set out in the Code are not intended to reduce, alter or supersede any other obligations which may be imposed on the Supplier, whether under the Agreement or at Law.
- 3.3 Where the Supply relates to the provision of services and in the course of providing those services, the Supplier or its Personnel:
 - (a) supervise or work with Public Sector Employees;
 - (b) undertake work that is of a similar nature to the work undertaken by Public Sector Employees at a premises or location generally regarded as a public sector workplace; or
 - (c) use or have access to public sector resources or information that are not normally accessible or available to the public,
 the Supplier must (and must ensure that its Personnel) comply with the VPSC Code of Conduct.
- 3.4 The Supplier warrants that the Supply is:
 - (a) where the Supply relates to goods:
 - (i) consistent with any description and details of the Supply;
 - (ii) consistent with each sample provided (if any) to and approved by Westernport Water;
 - (iii) capable of use by Westernport Water and any third party if on-sold without infringing any Intellectual Property Right or other right of any third party;
 - (iv) of merchantable quality;
 - (v) free from defects;
 - (vi) fit for their intended purpose (as may be determined by Westernport Water);
 - (vii) entitled and have the right to sell the goods; and
 - (viii) compliant with all recognised standards and Laws applicable in the jurisdiction where the goods are supplied; and/or
 - (b) where the Supply relates to the provision of services:
 - (i) to an appropriate and reasonable standard having regard to the circumstances; and
 - (ii) compliant with any service level standards for the time being notified by Westernport Water.
- 3.5 The Supplier acknowledges that nothing in the Agreement creates an exclusive supply or service agreement or arrangement between Westernport Water and the Supplier and that Westernport Water may procure goods or services (whether similar to the Supply or otherwise) from other suppliers at any time without reference to the Supplier.
- 3.6 Westernport Water may vary the Supply (including omitting any part of the Supply) by written direction to the Supplier and Westernport Water must determine a reasonable adjustment to the Purchase

Price.

4. PERFORMANCE

- 4.1 The Supplier must provide, perform or deliver the Supply to the Site in accordance with any instructions set out in the Request for Quotation (including, where the Supply is or relates to a supply of goods, any handling requirements of the goods) or given by Westernport Water on or before the Delivery Date. Time is of the essence for the Agreement.
- 4.2 The Supplier must commence the Supply on the Commencement Date and complete the Supply by the Completion Date.
- 4.3 The Supplier warrants that it has the skill, ability, experience, equipment and Personnel to provide, perform or deliver the Supply as required under the Agreement.

5. PERSONNEL

- 5.1 The Supplier must ensure that:
 - (a) it employs or engages a sufficient number of Personnel to enable it to provide the Supply in accordance with the Agreement;
 - (b) its Personnel are appropriately trained, licensed, accredited and experienced in undertaking any activity, function or task in connection with the Supply; and
 - (c) its Personnel are supervised by a person who has the requisite competence, experience, knowledge and qualifications to undertake that supervision.
- 5.2 If required by Westernport Water, the Supplier must ensure that all Supplier Personnel attend and participate in any induction training at the Site.
- 5.3 If the conduct of any Supplier Personnel results in or contributes to any non-compliance with the Agreement or the behaviour of any Supplier Personnel is not otherwise acceptable to Westernport Water, Westernport Water may, by notice, in writing, in its absolute and sole discretion, direct the Supplier to remove that Supplier Personnel and the Supplier must ensure that any such Supplier Personnel ceases to undertake any activity, function or task in connection with the provision of the Services or any other services to Westernport Water in future.
- 5.4 Without affecting the application of any other provision of the Agreement, the Supplier must:
 - (a) pay all costs and expenses incurred in relation to the employment or engagement of the Supplier Personnel (including all remuneration, insurances, taxes and superannuation); and
 - (b) comply with all laws, industrial awards and workplace agreements relating to the employment and engagement of the Supplier Personnel as employees or contractors.
- 5.5 Without affecting the application of any other provision of the Agreement, and to the extent permitted by Law, the Supplier, at its cost and expense and at no cost to Westernport Water:
 - (a) is responsible for the compliance with all Laws relating to health, safety and welfare;
 - (b) is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the Supplier Personnel accessing and using the Site or any premises of Westernport Water, and must ensure that none of the Supplier Personnel is exposed to any risk to health, safety or welfare or to hazards arising from any activity, function or task whilst at the Site or on any premises of Westernport Water;
 - (c) must ensure that the Site and any premises of Westernport Water used by the Supplier in undertaking any activity, function or task is a safe working environment, that safe systems of work are used within it, that any equipment, facility, machinery, material and plant is safe, and that appropriate safety equipment is provided to and maintained for use by the Supplier Personnel and that each of the Supplier Personnel uses the safety equipment provided; and
 - (d) must provide information, supervision and training to ensure that each of the Supplier Personnel is safe and free from any risk to health, safety or welfare whilst undertaking any activity, function or task at the Site or on any premises of Westernport Water.

6. PAYMENT

- 6.1 Subject to the Supplier complying with clause 7 and subject to clauses 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8, Westernport Water will pay the Purchase Price, less any amount required by Law, on a payment on account basis in accordance with the Victorian State Government's Fair Payments Policy, that is, within 10 business days of receipt of a valid and accurate tax invoice from the Supplier (**Invoice for Payment**).
- 6.2 The Purchase Price includes Goods and Services Tax (**GST**), and any other duty, tax or charge that is payable in respect of the Supply.
- 6.3 If a party makes a 'taxable supply' (as defined in the GST Act) under or in connection with the Agreement, the other party must pay to the supplying party at the same time, and in addition to the GST exclusive consideration, an amount equal to the GST payable on that supply.
- 6.4 The Supplier is responsible for all taxes, any increase in tax, duty or charge and for any new tax, duty or charge that is imposed before the Supply is completed.
- 6.5 Westernport Water may set off against any payment to be made by it to the Supplier under the Agreement any amount which Westernport Water may be entitled to receive or recover from the Supplier whether under the Agreement or otherwise.
- 6.6 If Westernport Water disputes the whole or part of the Invoice for Payment, Westernport Water must pay the undisputed portion (if any) and notify the Supplier of the amount in dispute. The parties will endeavour to resolve any such dispute in accordance with clause 15.
- 6.7 The Invoice for Payment must contain the information necessary to be a tax invoice for the purposes of the GST Act, together with such other information as Westernport Water may require including the relevant Purchase Order Number, and must be sent electronically to accounts@westernportwater.com.au.
- 6.8 The Invoice for Payment must be received by Westernport Water within 14 days of the Supply being completed.
- 6.9 If requested by Westernport Water, the Supplier must provide satisfactory evidence to Westernport Water (including swearing a Statutory Declaration) that:
- the Supplier has paid every person employed or engaged in any way by the Supplier on the services where the work performed by that person has been included in any Invoice for Payment submitted by the Supplier to Westernport Water;
 - the Supplier has met its obligations under any state or federal legislation governing all workers' entitlements (including but not limited to superannuation, long service leave and the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth));
 - the Supplier has obtained a delivery slip (with Purchase Order Number and location/date of delivery) signed by Westernport Water pursuant to clause 7; and
 - the Supplier has met its obligations under any applicable workplace agreement to which it is party.
- 6.10 Simple interest, as at the penalty interest rate fixed for the time being under the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983* (Vic), accrues on a daily basis on any Overdue Amount and is payable by Westernport Water to the Supplier on demand. Simple interest payable under this clause in respect of an Overdue Amount does not become payable after 10 business days, but only after 30 days from the date of receipt of a correct invoice, in respect of any Overdue Amount payable before 1 April 2021.
- 7. SUPPLY OF GOODS**
- 7.1 All goods delivered as part of the Supply must be accompanied by a delivery slip (bearing the relevant Purchase Order Number) and Westernport Water shall incur no liability to pay for the goods unless a delivery slip is signed for by Westernport Water.
- 7.2 Westernport Water will not be deemed to have accepted any goods delivered as part of the Supply until:
- the goods have passed any and all acceptance testing that applies to the goods; or
 - Westernport Water is satisfied, in its absolute discretion, that the goods are in full working order.
- 7.3 Delivery of goods by the Supplier and receipt by Westernport Water shall not constitute acceptance of those goods by Westernport Water.
- 7.4 Westernport Water shall not be obliged to notify the Supplier of the undertaking of any tests under clause 7.2(a), and shall not be deemed to have waived the right to test or reject the goods by reason of any non-notification.
- 7.5 Westernport Water may inspect the goods and reject any goods which it considers to have any defect. The provisions of clause 13 shall then apply.
- 7.6 Any goods delivered must be accompanied by any necessary instructions and technical documentation, including operating and service manuals. Where possible, all documentation must bear the Purchase Order Number.
- 7.7 If any Supply, or any goods or items incorporated in or supplied with the Supply, benefit from any guarantee or warranty, the Supplier must ensure that Westernport Water receives the full benefit of that guarantee or warranty. If the benefit of any warranty cannot be assigned or transferred successfully to Westernport Water, then the Supplier will hold the benefit of the warranty as trustee for and on behalf of Westernport Water.
- 8. DIRECTIONS**
- The Supplier must comply with the written directions of Westernport Water's representative as to the standard of the Supply, the hours of work and any other matter or thing relating to the delivery of the Supply.
- 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- 9.1 The Supplier warrants that the Supply will not infringe any Intellectual Property of third parties and the Supplier indemnifies Westernport Water against any claims against, or costs, losses or damages suffered or incurred by Westernport Water, arising out of, or in any way in connection with, any actual or alleged infringement of any third party Intellectual Property.
- 9.2 Any Intellectual Property developed by the Supplier in connection with the Supply shall vest solely in Westernport Water.
- 9.3 Westernport Water grants the Supplier a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty free licence to use Westernport Water's Intellectual Property for the sole purpose of completing the Supply.
- 9.4 The Supplier grants, or must procure the grant of, an unconditional and irrevocable perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, royalty-free licence to Westernport Water to ensure that Westernport Water and any third party to which Westernport Water may on-sell the Supply is able to enjoy fully the benefit of the Supply.
- 9.5 The Supplier consents and waives (and will ensure that any other person consents and waives) any act or omission that would otherwise infringe any third party right, including any moral right.
- 10. TITLE AND RISK**
- 10.1 It is a condition that all legal title and the entire beneficial interest in any goods that form part of the Supply passes to Westernport Water unencumbered on payment of the Purchase Price.
- 10.2 All goods supplied as part of the Supply shall remain at the risk of the Supplier until signed for, inspected and accepted by Westernport Water.
- 10.3 If a security interest (as defined in the PPSA) arises in the Supply, the Supplier may register that security interest at its cost and must deregister it immediately on the circumstances giving rise to the security interest ceasing to apply.
- 11. INDEMNITY**
- 11.1 The Supplier indemnifies Westernport Water (both as principal and as agent for each of Westernport Water's Personnel) and must at all times keep Westernport Water indemnified against any claims, costs, losses, expenses, liabilities or damages (**Loss**) suffered or incurred in relation to any breach of the Agreement, any negligent act or omission of the Supplier or any of its Personnel, any death or injury of any person, any loss or damage to property, any liability to any third parties, and any infringement of any third party right arising in connection with the Agreement.
- 11.2 The quantum of the indemnity in clause 11.1 shall be reduced proportionately to the extent that any Loss results from any wilful,

unlawful or negligent act or omission of Westernport Water or its Personnel.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 Unless Westernport Water expressly agrees otherwise, the Supplier must effect and maintain, at its own cost and expense, the following insurances with a reputable insurer (in the opinion of Westernport Water) during the Term and, if requested by Westernport Water, for a period of up to 7 years after delivery of any goods or the services have been completed:

- (a) workers compensation or employers' liability insurance, covering all claims and losses for death or bodily injury to any person employed or engaged by the Supplier or any contractor of the Supplier;
- (b) motor vehicle and third party liability insurance required by Law in relation to any vehicles used in the transportation or delivery of any goods, or the provision of any services that form part of the Supply;
- (c) product liability and public liability insurance in relation to legal liability for physical loss of, loss of use of, damage to or destruction of real or personal property, death or bodily injury with a policy coverage of the amount stated in the Request for Quotation (or if none stated, \$5,000,000 per occurrence);
- (d) if the Supply involves carriage of any goods or equipment, transit risk insurance covering all loss or damage to such goods or equipment arising from any insurable cause while in transit;
- (e)
- (f) if required in the Request for Quotation, professional indemnity insurance with a policy coverage of the amount stated in the Request for Quotation; and
- (g) any other insurances that are reasonably required by Westernport Water.

12.2 On request, the Supplier must, within 10 business days, provide Westernport Water with evidence of the currency of any insurance it is required to obtain under this clause 12.

13. DEFECTS RECTIFICATION

13.1 Upon request by Westernport Water, the Supplier must re-supply and correct any defect, shrinkage, fault or omission in the Supply including any aspect which is not in accordance with the Agreement (**Defect**) at no cost to Westernport Water.

13.2 If the Supplier is unable or fails to correct the Defect then Westernport Water may at its sole and absolute discretion:

- (a) correct the Defect and the Supplier will be liable to Westernport Water for the cost of correcting the Defect;
- (b) withhold any payment that may be or becomes due to the Supplier until such time that the Supplier corrects the Defect; or
- (c) issue a written notice that Westernport Water is accepting or rejecting the portion of the Supply containing the Defect which has not been corrected. If Westernport Water issues a notice pursuant to this clause, the Purchase Price will be reduced by an amount determined by Westernport Water taking into account:
 - (i) losses suffered by Westernport Water as a result of the Defect; and
 - (ii) the saving in cost to the Supplier in not correcting the Defect.

13.3 If the Supplier fails to deliver the Supply within the agreed time frame, the Supplier must pay Westernport Water liquidated damages at the rate stated in the Request for Quotation (if any) for every day which the Supply is late.

13.4 No inspection, testing or acceptance of or payment for some or all of the Supply affects in any way:

- (a) any liability or obligation of the Supplier; or
- (b) any remedy or right in respect of any cost, expense, damage, liability or loss, including the right to reject any Supply.

14. TERMINATION AND CANCELLATION

14.1 Westernport Water may terminate the Agreement at any time by giving notice in any way and in any form to the Supplier.

14.2 Without terminating the Agreement, Westernport Water may cancel any order for goods or supplies forming part of the Supply at any time by giving written notice to the Supplier who must, on receipt, immediately cease all work and take appropriate action to mitigate any loss or prevent further costs being incurred with respect to the Supply.

14.3 Westernport Water may terminate the Agreement by giving written notice to the Supplier, if the Supplier becomes insolvent or materially breaches the Agreement and does not remedy that breach within 10 days after receiving written notice requiring it to remedy that breach.

14.4 Westernport Water reserves the right to direct the Supplier to suspend the carrying out the whole or part of the Agreement for such time as Westernport Water thinks fit. The Supplier shall immediately comply and shall bear its own costs of suspension.

14.5 Westernport Water may direct the Agreement to re-commence at any time after any suspension and the Supplier must immediately comply with such direction.

14.6 Termination of the Agreement will not affect any right, power, remedy, obligation, duty or liability of any party under the Agreement which has accrued to the date of termination, which right, power, remedy, obligation, duty and liability will continue to be enforceable.

14.7 Other than as expressly provided for in this clause 14, Westernport Water will not be liable to the Supplier or to any other person as a consequence of termination of the Agreement.

14.8 On termination, the Supplier must immediately remove from the Site all of the Supplier's workers, tools, temporary buildings, materials and rubbish as directed by Westernport Water.

14.9 In case of termination under clause 14.1 or cancellation under clause 14.2:

- (a) Westernport Water will pay for any unpaid Supply properly completed under the Agreement prior to termination or cancellation and the reasonable costs of removal from Site of the Supplier's workers, tools, temporary buildings, materials and rubbish; and
- (b) the Supplier will repay to Westernport Water any amount paid in advance for any Supply not completed or any Supply made but which does not comply with the Agreement.

The amount under this clause is the full compensation for termination or cancellation under this clause 14 and the Supplier acknowledges that there is no other entitlement to any further claim, counterclaim, proceedings, compensation, relief or remedy whatsoever from or in connection with the Agreement or the termination of the Agreement or the cancellation of the Supply.

14.10 To the extent permitted by Law, other than as provided in the Agreement, neither party has any right to terminate the Agreement.

15. DISPUTES

15.1 If a dispute arises in relation to the Agreement (other than in respect of Westernport Water terminating the Agreement), either party must give the other party a notice setting out the details of the dispute and the remedy that the party requires (**Notice of Dispute**).

15.2 Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the parties shall continue to perform their obligations pursuant to the Agreement.

15.3 Within 14 days of service of a Notice of Dispute, the parties must meet to attempt, in good faith, to resolve the dispute or to agree on methods of resolving the dispute by other means.

15.4 If the dispute has not been resolved within 28 days of the date of service of the Notice of Dispute and the parties have not agreed on a process for the resolution of the dispute, either party may commence legal proceedings in respect of the dispute.

16. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

16.1 Westernport Water will not be liable for loss of profit, business or revenue or indirect or consequential loss.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

17.1 To the extent that clause 17.2 does not apply, the Supplier must keep

- information relating to the Agreement, including any details contained in the Agreement, confidential unless it receives the prior written consent of Westernport Water.
- 17.2 Information relating to the Agreement, including any details contained in the Agreement, will not be required to be kept confidential by the Supplier if it is:
- (a) publicly known;
 - (b) acquired from a source that is not forbidden or in any other way disallowed (including under any Law of the jurisdiction in which the Supply is to be provided or any other contractual obligation) to disclose that information;
 - (c) required to be disclosed by Law, or an order of a court or any government or regulatory authority, in the jurisdiction in which the Supply is to be provided; or
 - (d) developed in an independent manner in accordance with the Law of the jurisdiction in which the Supply is to be provided.
- 17.3 The Supplier must not disclose or advertise that it is a supplier to Westernport Water without Westernport Water's prior consent.
- 17.4 The Supplier consents to Westernport Water publishing or otherwise making available information in relation to the Supplier (and the Supply):
- (a) as may be required to comply with the Contract Publishing System;
 - (b) to other Victorian Public Entities or Ministers of the State in connection with the use of the Supply;
 - (c) to any public sector agency (of the State, any other state or territory or the Commonwealth) for the purposes of benchmarking, provided that it will not identify the Supplier;
 - (d) to the office of the Auditor General appointed under section 94A of the *Constitution Act 1975 (Vic)* or the ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act 1973 (Vic)*;
 - (e) to comply with Law, including the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)*; or
 - (f) to the IBAC.
- 17.5 The Supplier acknowledges that it will be bound by the Information Privacy Principles, Health Privacy Principles and any applicable Code of Practice (together, **Privacy Obligations**) with respect to any act done or practice engaged in by the Supplier for the purposes of the Agreement, in the same way and to the same extent as the Privacy Obligations would have applied to Westernport Water in respect of that act or practice had it been directly done or engaged in by Westernport Water.
- 17.6 The Supplier acknowledges that Westernport Water is bound by the Protective Data Security Standards. The Supplier will not do any act or engage in any practice that would contravene or give rise to a breach of a Protective Data Security Standard in respect of any Data collected, held, used, managed, disclosed or transferred by the Supplier, on behalf of the State, under or in connection with the Agreement.
- 18. GENERAL**
- 18.1 The Agreement is strictly confidential and its contents and existence may not be disclosed by either party to any other person without the other party's prior written consent.
- 18.2 The Agreement is contractual only and does not create a relationship of employment, agency, partnership or joint venture between the parties.
- 18.3 All obligations to indemnify and clauses 6.5, 15, 16, 17 and this clause 18 survive termination of the Agreement.
- 18.4 The documents comprising the Agreement are not to be construed against a party merely because that party was responsible for preparing the document.
- 18.5 The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Westernport Water and the Supplier in relation to the Supply.
- 18.6 Westernport Water may, but the Supplier must not (without Westernport Water's prior written consent), assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and obligations under the Agreement.
- 18.7 Any subcontracting by the Supplier will not relieve the Supplier from any liability or obligation under the Agreement and the Supplier shall remain liable to Westernport Water for the acts and omissions of subcontractors and employees and agents of subcontractors as if they were acts or omissions of the Supplier.
- 18.8 The Agreement may not be amended, supplemented or varied other than in writing signed by each party.
- 18.9 A waiver of any right or remedy under the Agreement is only effective if given in writing and shall not be deemed a waiver from any subsequent breach or default. No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under the Agreement or by Law shall constitute a waiver of that or any right or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 18.10 If any provision of the Agreement is held invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, the Agreement shall remain otherwise in full force apart from such provisions which shall be deemed deleted or severed.
- 18.11 These terms and conditions and any contract to which they apply shall be governed by the laws of the State of Victoria and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that State or Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 18.12 The Supplier warrants that the person signing the Purchase Order for or on behalf of the Supplier has the authority to do so and that any of the Supplier's Personnel that deal with Westernport Water have the authority to do so.
- 18.13 In these standard terms and conditions, 'provided' also means 'delivered'.