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SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE

# SEMMA welcomes changes to government procurement rules for SMEs

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - The South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance (SEMMA) has welcomed the Albanese Government's changes to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) enabling Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to tender for more opportunities.

From July, a new, higher target will be introduced to source 25 per cent of procurements below \$1 billion, and 40 per cent of procurements below \$20 million, from SMEs. In addition, the Government is making it easier for entities to procure from small and medium businesses by raising the SME exemption threshold to \$500,000.

In response to feedback about the operation of government procurement panels, the Government will require that at least one SME must be approached for every request for quote from the mandated Management Advisory Services (MAS) Panel and the People Panel.

Both the CPRs and the Code will come into effect on 1 July 2024. To support business's preparation ahead of the effective date, information on the [Code](#) is available on the [Finance website](#), and the [Responding to an Approach to Market](#) and [If you are awarded a contract](#) sections of the Selling to Government website. Further information on the changes to the [CPRs](#) is also available on the [Finance website](#). Finance is updating content on the Selling to Government website to align with the updated CPRs.

"Local manufacturers welcome this opportunity to supply into government. Manufacturing is one of the largest contributors to our national economy and anything the government can do to widen the opportunity for SME's to contribute and benefit is welcomed," said SEMMA CEO Honi Walker.

## ABOUT SEMMA

*SEMMA, the South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance, is a membership-based organization that represents the interests of manufacturing businesses in the South East Melbourne region. The South East region of Melbourne generates \$43b in gross regional product, hosts 50% of Melbourne's manufacturing jobs employing 267,500 people and provides 30% of the nation's manufacturing output.*

*SEMMA aims to create a vibrant manufacturing ecosystem that supports local businesses, promotes growth, and contributes to the overall economic prosperity of the region.*

## NOTE TO EDITORS

CEO is available for comment on request.

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