

11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Business Chamber Queensland supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

Business Chamber Queensland is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, representing businesses of every size, every industry, across the State of Queensland. We are part of a global, national and regional network of Chambers and we collaborate with partners across the public, private and not-for-profit sector. This reach, combined with our purpose of helping businesses to thrive, provides us with an important platform for engagement and influence.

In Queensland, the business ecosystem is comprised of 99% SMEs. While many larger businesses are driven to implement sustainability and influence significant outcomes at scale, we recognise the significant impact that collective action that SMEs can have in achieving broader sustainable outcomes. It is these businesses that benefit from greater support and encouragement.

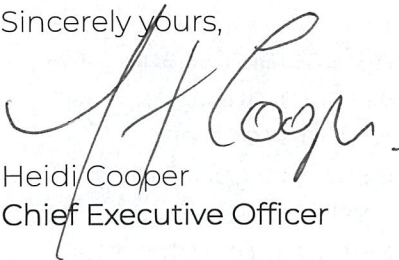
As a result, we have elevated Sustainability within our own business. Our General Manager of Sustainability is responsible for driving sustainable action for the business community through programs, projects and access to resources (including providing the SDG Align tool for members); driving sustainable change in our own organisation to make sure we continue to challenge ourselves to be a responsible organisation; and to build partnerships, advocate for and support policy development that supports sustainable business and development outcomes.

With this in mind, we pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- Provide an SDG Alignment tool for our members to better engage with the SDGs and align their business activities to SDG outcomes.
- Encourage our members to join the UN Global Compact through transparently sharing our own journey and providing resources that support engagement with the UNSDGs;
- Organise learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for your members that refer to the UN Global Compact and specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability;
- Engage our members in collective action and partnership efforts on key UN goals and issues in collaboration with the UN Global Compact. This includes our current Programs such as ecoBiz, which is designed specifically to assist SMEs in achieving sustainable business outcomes;
- Join forces with the UN Global Compact to advocate the business case for key corporate citizenship issues to policymakers and the public;
- Develop sector-specific tools and resources on corporate sustainability issues in collaboration with the UN Global Compact;
- Provide expertise and/or the voice of your members to UN Global Compact working groups and special initiatives; and
- Support the development and activities of a Global Compact Local Network.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,



Heidi Cooper  
Chief Executive Officer